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Bosun, 20 Charged In Murders

ECONOMY SLUMPS

OTTAWA (CP) — Total production of the economy declined by 1.3 per cent in the last three months of last year, Statistics Canada said today.

The agency said it was "the first quarterly decline of such magnitude since the recession of 1960-61."

The latest figures show there was a slight increase in the third quarter, a decline of one-tenth of one per cent in the second and an increase of 1.7 per cent in the first.

NEWS BRIEFS

Quake War Feared

GENEVA (UPI) — UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim urged the Geneva disarmament conference today to take quick action on banning such "terrifying" environmental warfare as earthquakes, hurricanes and tidal waves. Waldheim, in a message to the conference as it began its 1975 session, said modern technology will soon make it possible to release such forces of nature.

Tube Toll Now 45

LONDON (UPI) — Four days after London's worst subway disaster, recovery teams pulled more bodies from the wreckage today and estimated the final death toll would reach 45, two more than previously thought. The remains of 10 more victims were taken from the mangled lead car, the first recovered since Sunday.

U.S. \$ Erratic

BRUSSELS (UPI) — The U.S. dollar rose marginally on most foreign exchanges today but slipped to an all-time low in Brussels for the second day in a row. The price of gold was unchanged.

Banks Follow Suit

TORONTO (CP) — Three more chartered banks have announced reductions in their prime lending rate to nine per cent. All 10 banks in Canada now have a uniform prime, the rate charged on loans to the banks' most credit-worthy customers.

Oil Price Freeze Hint Until 1980

ALGIERS (UPI) — Algerian president Houari Boumedienne suggested today that oil-producing countries freeze oil prices until the end of this decade if consumer nations guarantee protection for the oil countries' income and assets abroad.

Boumedienne spoke to the opening session of the first summit conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

OPEC members were willing to "break into our reserves" to help the industrialized nations in a period of economic recovery, he said.

They would do this to insure the normal functioning of the industrialized nations until they can cut waste and find alternate energy sources. But he indicated the level of supply would be significantly lower than in the past.

"The developed countries are living far beyond their means," Boumedienne said, citing "fabulous sums spent on arms, justice institutions and the search for substitutes for oil."

Boumedienne tied the proposed price freeze to development aid for the countries of the third world.

A 20-year-old bosun stationed at Canadian Forces Base, Naden, was charged this morning with the murder of two women in Esquimalt last fall.

Larry Lovell, appearing in Victoria provincial court packed with spectators, stood expressionless as the charges were read that he killed Jane Isobel Plume, 51, of 1153 Munro and Florence Bevan, 62, of 1324 Lyall by stabbing last Sept. 6 and thereby committed murder punishable by life in prison.

Lovell, clean-cut, of average build and height, and wearing a blue windbreaker, looked straight ahead and didn't say a word. His father who lives in Richmond, B.C. stood to one side.

At the request of legal aid duty counsel Robert Monaghan Judge William Ostler remanded the accused to Thursday. Sources indicated a Vancouver lawyer has been retained in the case.

In a late-night press conference Monday, Esquimalt police chief Art Burton said Lovell, a native of Vancouver who joined the armed forces 1½ years ago, had been arrested at 8:45 p.m. that evening.

The arrest came 178 days after the bodies of the two women were discovered in a small stockroom in Ray's Food Market, 1325 Esquimalt Road.

The women had been stabbed 75 or 80 times.

Coroner Edmund St. Jorre described the killings as "the most ghastly murders one could imagine."

Esquimalt police said robbery appeared to have been the motive. About \$80 was missing from the till in the small corner grocery store and a watch was taken from the wrist of one of the victims.

Burton said the investigation was the most intensive and extensive ever conducted by his department. At least 350 interviews were recorded.

"Very few cases have so many ups and downs as this one," he said. "We got off to a bad start with a number of false leads."

The search for the killer spread from coast to coast.

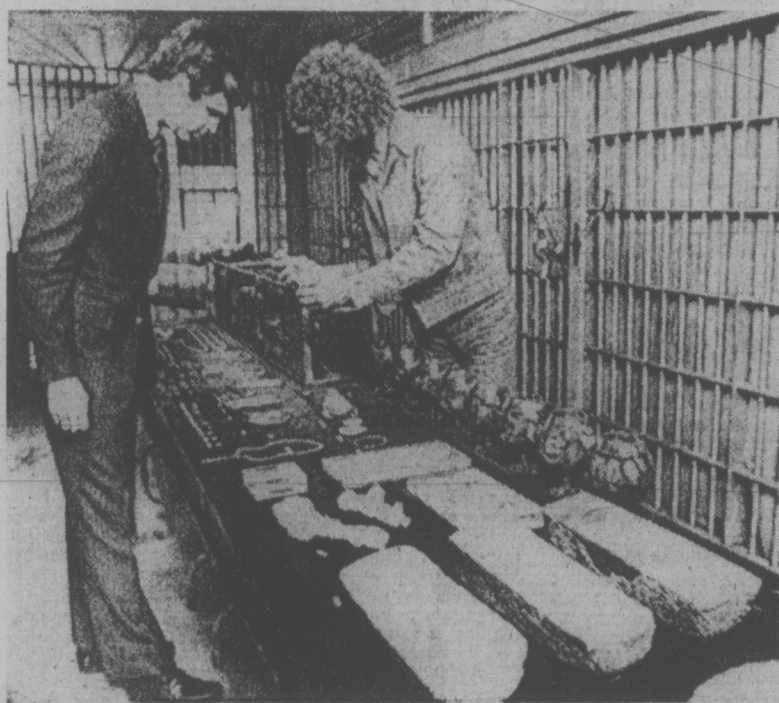
The RCMP polygraph (lie-detector) unit was used more than six times to check testimony given by some of the witnesses.

Burton lauded Sgt. Doug Sproston, a 19-year veteran of the Esquimalt force, whose "dedication, determination and patient plodding" led to Monday's arrest.

"He serves as a model to the department," the chief said.

Burton also praised the co-operation and assistance he

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TREASURE FROM THE DEPTHS in a heavily guarded cell is shown to Florida Secretary of State Bruce Smathers, left, by marine archaeologist W. A. Cockrell. The treasure, estimated to be worth \$6 million, was found in a submerged wreck of a Spanish ship west of Marquesas Key near Key West. The artifacts, including three solid silver bars (right), were divided between Armada Research and the state of Florida, with the state getting 25 per cent of the historic haul. (Story, Page 2.)

Columbia Committee Was Secret: Professor

B.C. Hydro considered the committee set up to reallocate Columbia River project funds to be secret, Dr. Ian McDougall, a law professor from Dalhousie University in Halifax said Monday.

In the legislature, Resources Minister Bob Williams said an inquiry will be launched into the costs of the treaty, after he acknowledged that McDougall was the source of a stack of memos and minutes he tabled earlier on the "secret" committee set up in 1967.

McDougall said in Halifax the committee was set up to screen the financing of the project.

"The only question to ask is why you set up a committee like this and the only possible answer that I can think of is to hide the true cost of that treaty from the people of British Columbia," he said.

Williams told the legislature the government has decided an inquiry is necessary but the specific terms of reference will be announced later.

Outside the legislature, he said the inquiry will not be in the form of a legislative committee but he would provide no further details.

McDougall, grandson of Gen. A. G. McNaughton, a former member of the International Joint Commission who opposed B.C.'s participation in the Columbia agreement, has been working with the government as a consultant on the treaty and the possibility of renegotiating it.

Williams said McDougall had given him the minutes of confidential meetings held by the committee.

McDougall said the committee's file was "kept in a bank of filing cabinets, it was kept locked at all times when not in use."

"Many senior people inside

Hydro that I had spoken to had never heard of this committee and I was given to understand that all the information that was drawn from this particular file was to be treated as if it were confidential," he said.

McDougall said setting up the committee "does not seem to be in the best interests of the people of B.C."

"What we're talking about are the finances of a treaty which is proven in almost every respect to be a disaster to the country and certainly to the people of B.C. Now, I mean if this thing was not a secret committee, why didn't we know a long time ago that they were thinking of reallocating the cost?"

The minister tabled the original set of files from McDougall with the house. (He originally tabled only a copy of the file.)

While he received the file from McDougall, Williams

said, he is satisfied the same material is in B.C. Hydro files.

Williams said McDougall told him the file page of the file, which is the only page marked "confidential", could have been added to his file by one of his own staff members.

Some controversy has arisen over the title page since no other page in the file indicates that the committee's work was confidential or secret and the title page looks like it may have been typed on a different typewriter.

Hugh Keenleyside, former chairman of B.C. Hydro who was in charge of the Columbia deal, has denied the committee was secret and has called it a routine committee of Hydro.

"I'm delighted," Keenleyside said Monday, "the minister has been forced by public opinion to have an investigation."

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Berlin Pastor Back From Asylum Flight

By United Press International

A Protestant pastor who accompanied five terrorists to asylum in the Republic of South Yemen returned to West Germany today to tell kidnappers holding a political hostage in West Berlin that their price had been paid.

Henrich Albertz, a former mayor of West Berlin, arrived in Frankfurt aboard the same Lufthansa Boeing 707 which flew the five guerrillas to Aden on Monday.

Albertz transferred immediately to an U.S. air force

plane, which rushed him on to West Berlin.

West German authorities released the five from prison on demand of other guerrillas who kidnaped 52-year-old Peter Lorenz last Thursday.

The abductors, hiding somewhere in West Berlin, threatened to kill Lorenz unless the government met their conditions.

The kidnappers said they would hold Lorenz until Albertz accompanied the five to freedom, and returned to Berlin to report the bargain carried out.

OTTAWA ROCKS BERGER HEARING

Pipeline Inquiry Scuttled?

Times News Services

Acting Prime Minister Mitchell Sharp dropped a bomb on the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline hearings Monday by refusing to promise Ottawa will wait for the Berger report before deciding whether the pipeline should go ahead.

Sharp's statement rocked the Northwest Territories capital of Yellowknife where a few hours earlier Mr. Justice Thomas Berger had opened an inquiry into the social and environmental impact of the \$7 billion pipeline proposed by Canadian Arctic Gas Pipelines Ltd.

"I would hesitate to say that one particular step must be completed before a final decision can be made," Sharp told T. C. Douglas (NDP—Nanaimo—Cowichan—The Islands).

Energy Minister Donald Macdonald similarly refused to promise to wait for the Berger report.

Mr. Justice Berger said neither he nor his staff would comment on Sharp's statement.

But Andrew Thomson, president of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, a public interest group with members across Canada, said he is not ready to accept the statement as meaning the government will ignore Berger's recommendations.

"If that is what the government means, we should be told so and then we might as well pack up and go home," said Thomson.

Also in Yellowknife, NDP Parliamentary Leader Ed Broadbent said Monday night that Berger may want to consider whether to continue his inquiry into the pipeline in view of government statements.

The much-publicized inquiry started Monday with a suggestion from the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee that the government's uncooperative stance towards the inquiry revived suspicions that the government has already made up its mind.

Broadbent said: "I find it totally irresponsible if this is what Mr. Sharp meant and I can't see how it can be interpreted in any other way." The inquiry, to cost more than \$1 million, is expected to take several months.

Canadian Arctic Gas Pipelines opened its pitch for a right-of-way across the Canadian north by saying it now represents Canada's best defence against the world energy crisis.

Pierre Genest of Toronto, appearing for Arctic Gas, said the proposed 2,600-mile line represented "the best chance to reduce substantially Canada's exposure to the vast economic and financial problems which, if they are not solved or alleviated, are bound to seriously affect the well-being of every Canadian man, woman and child."

Berger is to report to the minister of northern affairs as to what conditions should be imposed on the pipeline company if the project goes ahead.

R. G. Gibbs of Calgary, appearing for rival foothills Pipeline Ltd., called the proposed Arctic Gas line a Panama canal and argued that it would be built not for Canadian but for American interests.

Native people plan to complain to the inquiry about a statement last month by Northern Affairs Minister Judd Buchanan that the connecting lines to the main pipeline are not to be considered part of the judge's hearings.

It was Buchanan's view that the connecting lines are a territorial decision, although evidence is that they will cover many hundreds of miles and cost many millions of dollars.

Union Print Job Doubled Cost

Fleming Review Printing Ltd. of Victoria is protesting a decision by B.C. Hydro to award a bus schedule contract to Colonist Printers for \$13,440 when Fleming Review offered to do the job for \$6,769.

Only the two bids were received when B.C. Hydro opened tenders on Jan. 21. A contract was awarded to Colonist Printers, the higher bidder.

"The awarding of that contract is very strange," said Ross Perry, co-owner of Fleming Review Printing.

"The other bid was almost twice as high as ours and yet they are awarded the contract."

In Vancouver, B.C. Hydro public relations officer David Robertson said the Colonist Printers bid was accepted because the company has a union shop, unlike Fleming Review Printing.

"Not all B.C. Hydro contracts are awarded to union shops only but in the present case we felt it would be preferable," Robertson said.

B.C. Hydro was disappointed that only one union shop submitted a bid.

Perry said B.C. Hydro led his company to think it had a chance by "specifically requesting a bid, and then asking, in a subsequent letter, for assurances Fleming Review Printing offers the equivalent facilities of a union shop."

Although Fleming Review Printing is non-union, wages are paid on the union scale, and this information was forwarded to B.C. Hydro, Perry said.

"After all that, the contract was awarded to Colonist Printers."

Robertson, of B.C. Hydro, said the Fleming Review Printing bid was invited because the utility company had no way of knowing if any union shop would be making a bid, although it hoped for several bids from union shops.

When a union shop made a bid, B.C. Hydro decided to award the contract, although it was considerably higher than the rival bid.

B.C. Hydro was also aware that Colonist Printers had experience in handling bus schedule work.

Colonist Printers has been awarded B.C. Hydro bus schedule contracts in previous years without going to tender.

All PSAC Men Out in Ottawa

Times News Services

All members of the general labor and trades group of the Public Service Alliance of Canada are off the job today in Ottawa, an alliance spokesman said.

Among major groups out were those at the post office and non-designated runway cleaners at Ottawa International Airport. Designated workers are not permitted to strike.

With ideal flying conditions and bare runways, though, the control tower said the airport is operating normally.

In British Columbia, supervisory personnel are working to keep airports in Vancouver, Quesnel, Williams Lake and Prince George open after PSAC employees walked out. This also applies to Whitehorse, Yukon.

In Toronto, a post office official also said he expects the main postal terminal there to be hit again at midnight tonight or early Wednesday.

As the strike by the union's blue-collar members enters its 17th day today, bargaining remained at a standstill.

Treasury Board Chairman Jean Chretien Monday told the Commons that the government "has been inviting" the 18,600-member alliance to resume talks. But PSAC president Claude Edwards said no such request has been made by the government.

"Such remarks only serve to inflame the situation and incite our members," he said in a news release.

The government has offered a wage increase of 26.1 per cent in a two-year contract suggested in a conciliation report, while the PSAC wants 37 per cent over two years.

Meanwhile, 225 Toronto letter carriers booked off sick Monday and 28 routes received no mail delivery.

Ed Roworth, post office information officer, said regular delivery would resume on these routes today.

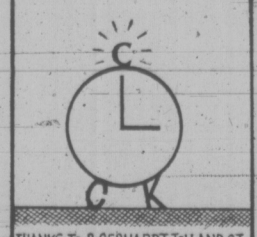
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House Misled on Casa Loma Cost—Socred

Housing Minister Lorne Nicholson deliberately misled the legislature on the total projected cost of the Casa Loma housing complex in Burnaby, Socred MLA Don Phillips charged in the legislature Monday.

But crossfire on the topic, a daily occurrence during question period in the last two weeks, was squelched by Speaker Gordon Dowding who ordered Phillips (South Peace) to withdraw the charge.

Nicholson, however, confirmed that the B.C. government has made provision to spend \$351,000 more on the controversial project than was first disclosed.

He said the extra amount has been "received as legitimate projected costs by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation," which is funding 90 per cent of the project.

Breakdown of extra expenditure is: \$33,000 for administration of the project by Dunhill Development Corporation;

\$100,000 for modification of original blueprints by the B.C. Housing Management Commission and \$218,000 interest on advance financing until federal funds are received.

"There were no fraudulent proceedings; I'm pleased to provide more enlightenment," said Nicholson.

The minister described the amount as "front-end funding," an accounting procedure used until federal funds are received in June.

The housing minister first

announced price of the complex at \$3.18 million, bought from Casa Loma Motel Ltd., for use as a senior citizen's project. With the additional amount the complex will cost \$3,528,500, Nicholson said.

Liberal Leader David Anderson says the government must either give a straightforward explanation of the questions surrounding the Casa Loma motel deal, or order an inquiry to allow the public to discover the truth.

"The whole Casa Loma af-

fair is shrouded in questionable dealings and unsatisfactory explanations," he said.

Anderson originally brought up the matter when he questioned the government's involvement in earlier financial difficulties of the project.

It was disclosed that a number of subcontractors who held mechanics' liens against the project were paid off at a rate of about 40 cents on the dollar some six weeks before the government signed a deal with developers. A court case

involving the lienholders has been started.

Nicholson said he will make a statement Wednesday on another matter in connection with the project.

Phillips asked whether the government had spent money to convert 33 additional motel units in the complex into accommodation for senior citizens.

And Socred MLA, Bob McClelland (Langley), asked whether the government was evicting some of the residents

of the motel area. (The complex is partially completed).

Nicholson said, "No one is going to be radically displaced." He did say some residents have been asked to vacate the premises, in preparation for senior citizen residents, but indicated it likely will take place by attrition.

In Burnaby, city council turned itself into a hung jury Monday and left the rezoning of the development in limbo.

It voted 6-to-3 against a motion.

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\$6 Million Treasure Trove Found

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — It may have come from the ship La Nuestra de Atoche which sank in 1622, or from another Spanish galleon.

Whatever it became a treasure hunter's dream that today is multi-million dollar reality for a group of divers — and the state of Florida.

The state and the diving team, headed by salvage firm chief Mel Fisher, are splitting up an estimated \$6 million in gold and silver bars, coins,

jewellery, gold chains and armaments found in the wreckage near Key West.

Fisher said there is more there that came from.

"We all dreamed as children of finding an old shipwreck," said Secretary of State Bruce Smathers, who was among those viewing the heavily guarded treasure. "This treasure is a realization of everyone's dream."

The state will keep 25 per cent of the treasure, and the division of archives and his-

tory is doing the counting on its behalf.

Fisher and his team, who began the project five years ago, will keep the rest.

Robert Williams, chief of the division, refused to place a monetary value on the take. But sources close to Fisher, whose activities in the project were investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission two years ago, estimate it at \$6 million.

Fisher said one rare 1621 gold coin alone will sell for

\$15,000 to \$25,000 on the collectors' market.

Fisher and his associates said the artifacts are from the La Nuestra de Atoche, which sailed from Havana in 1622 and went down in a hurricane in the Marquesas, west of Key West.

Williams said archivists are uncertain if the sunken cargo came from the Atoche. State historians are still investigating origins of the ship and cargo, he added.

"We believe material from

this site comes mostly from Spanish ships of the 17th Century, which was the period of the Atoche," said Williams.

"Since historians depend on exact documentation, we need more evidence to come to a conclusion."

"This area off the Keys is full of ships of all kinds of ages. It's a place where accidents have frequently occurred over a long period of time. Ships from the Second World War have also been found there."

Fisher said only three of 901 silver bars believed to be aboard the Atoche have been found. He formed an ocean salvage company 12 years ago and said most of the Atoche's cargo is still buried underwater.

Fisher was investigated by the SEC after he began selling stocks in his salvage company. The federal regulatory panel doubted aspects of Fisher's ventures and ordered him to quit selling stock.

Special Court To Try Sithole

SALISBURY (Reuter) — Rhodesian nationalist leader Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole was arrested today on charges of plotting to assassinate some of his political opponents, a government statement said.

"There is reliable information that the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole has been carefully planning the assassination of certain of his opponents whom he considers to be a challenge to his bid for leadership of the African National Council (ANC)," the statement said.

"He was accordingly been detained this morning in order to protect the lives of his intended victims and to maintain law and order."

Sithole, 54, a teacher and Methodist minister who was released last December after 10 years in detention, will go on trial, the statement said.

"Because of the fear of victimization of witnesses and

the fact that their safety will be imperilled, it will not be possible to try the Rev. Sithole in the high court using the normal high court procedure. But in order to ensure that justice will be done, the government is to set up a special court to try the issue.

"The court will be presided over by the acting chief justice, Mr. Justice McDonald."

The identity of some witnesses might not be divulged to protect them, the statement said.

Sithole would be allowed to give evidence himself and to call any witnesses in his defence.

Runaway Ship Changes Course, Mounties Pulled

SEPT-ISLES, Que. (CP) — The runaway ship Answer is somewhere "in the middle of the ocean" plying its way to an undisclosed destination, an RCMP spokesman said today.

Supt. G. A. Kennedy said in an interview in Montreal that RCMP agents, who had been aboard the Answer to execute a seizure order, had been taken off the ship.

When asked where the Answer was being guided by its controversial Captain Brian Erb, he replied:

"I don't know where Captain Erb is going. The boat is in the middle of the ocean and is staying there."

After boarding the vessel during the weekend, RCMP had said it was headed towards the port of Sept-Isles, but Supt. Kennedy said its destination now depended on various factors, including ice conditions and fuel.

A spokesman for the transport department in Halifax said the boat was 35 miles north of the Magdalen Islands by mid-morning and headed in a southeasterly direction at nine knots per hour.

A marine coast radio operator said the ship was headed towards St. Pierre-Miquelon, French territories just off the

southern coast of Newfoundland.

One journalist aboard the Answer reported that Captain Erb changed the ship's direction Monday night after his lawyer told him in a ship-to-shore radio conversation that the RCMP had boarded him illegally in international waters.

The journalist said the ship was well supplied with food by the icebreaker, John A. Macdonald, which had been escorting it. A broken motor had also been repaired, he said, but the ship was short on fuel.

There was no indication as to the whereabouts of the Macdonald which had been escorting the Answer to Sept-Isles.

The transport department in Halifax said the RCMP officers aboard the Answer were taken off the vessel by helicopter shortly after midnight.

Supt. Kennedy refused to say why his men had been taken off the Answer but said there had been no change in the federal court order for interception of the ship. He said a provincial court order for Captain Erb's arrest had not yet been executed due to "discretion and common sense." He refused to elaborate.

Bosun, 20, Charged In Stabbing Deaths

Continued from Page 1 and the department had received from the Greater Victoria police forces, the military police and the RCMP.

REBATES PUSH SALES

DETROIT (UPI) — In their rush to beat the cash rebate deadline, buyers helped push auto sales in the final days of February to the highest level of the 1975 model year.

Industry analysts said sales reports expected from General Motors, Chrysler and American Motors today and from Ford Wednesday would show sales of nearly 200,000 cars in the Feb. 21-28 period.

He had kind words for the press, too.

"Probably the key turn in the case was the co-operation we got from the news media."

He said through publication of composite drawings of two possible witnesses, an unidentified serviceman contacted police and told them he thought he knew one of the men pictured.

That lead resulted in the arrest of the man now charged with the murders.

Rewards totalling \$10,750 were posted in the case. The man whose phone call ultimately resulted in the arrest could probably claim the reward, Burton said, though it would have to be confirmed by the municipal treasurer and police commission.

TRADE TALKS HELD IN BONN

BONN (CP) — Prime Minister Trudeau discussed Canadian-West German economic relations with Economic Minister Hans Friderichs today, the second day of his official visit.

Later, Trudeau was to have a second meeting with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher before having talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Trudeau told reporters Monday that Genscher backs Canada's bid for a "contractual link" with the European Economic Community (EEC). But details of that proposed union were lacking.

Nanaimo Man Fined \$250 For Rampage

NANAIMO — Steven McGillivray was fined \$250 in court here Monday after pleading guilty to wilful damage during a rampage the previous week-end by youths at a stag party.

RCMP said today that Richard Johnston will appear in court March 10, charged with assault and assault causing bodily harm arising from the same incident. Charges against others are pending as the investigation continues.

Earlier there were reports that several downtown beer parlors were damaged and one man sent to hospital as the party, numbering up to 30 youths, moved from place to place.

McGillivray was also ordered by the court Monday to make restitution in an amount to be determined by the prosecutor.

Meanwhile, police charged about 25 young people, the youngest of them 14, over the weekend after raids on beer parlors to catch underage drinkers.

Karate Honors

Two Victoria karate competitors offered a good demonstration of their talents at the Green River Community College tournament Saturday in Auburn, Wash.

Lindon Bateson placed second in lightweight black belt sparring, second in black belt kata and third in weapons.

Mike Puckett finished first in color belt sparring and second in color belt kata.

Columbia Committee Was Secret: Prof.

Continued from Page 1 "If it is carried out by an impartial body I'll be thoroughly delighted."

The existence of the committee was first made public on a CBC documentary which said the group was struck to find ways to cover up additional costs of the projects by allocating them to other projects or to government departments.

The memos tabled by Williams show that a committee was assigned the task of studying reallocation of costs but there is no proof any costs were reallocated or that the committee even made recommendations to the government.

Texaco, Shell Announce Price Hikes

Shell Canada Limited and Texaco Canada Ltd. have both announced wholesale price increases for gasoline and heating fuel but British Columbia residents are not expected to be affected immediately because of a provincial order banning increases until April 1.

Texaco raised its wholesale prices of gasoline, diesel fuels and heating oils by 2.2 cents a gallon and aviation gasoline and jet fuel by 2.5 cents a gallon.

Shell's wholesale prices will be going up 1.9 cents a gallon on gasoline, and 1.5 cents a gallon for diesel fuel and home heating fuels. Shell said heating oils will rise by 2 cents at the household level.

Imperial Oil Ltd. announced similar increases last week after the federal government Feb. 21 lifted its voluntary price restraint on oil products that had been in effect since September, 1973.

Ferry Runs Reduced

Ferry service between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen will be curtailed today, Wednesday and Thursday while new safety equipment is tested.

The Queen of Saanich will be out of service for the three days, reducing ferries on the run from four to three.

For the three days the 8 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. sailings from Swartz Bay will be cancelled, as well as the 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. sailings from Tsawwassen.

Ford Suspends Oil Fee

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford has decided to suspend part of his oil import fee while vetoing a bill that could suspend all of it.

He hopes this will speed action by the Democratic controlled congress on an overall energy program.

Ford imposed a \$1 per barrel fee on imported oil Feb. 1 to begin cutting the country's reliance on foreign oil by making it more expensive. He had scheduled an increase of another \$1 March 1 and still another \$1 April 1.

White House sources said Ford now will postpone the March and April installments for 60 days, leaving the first \$1 still in effect.

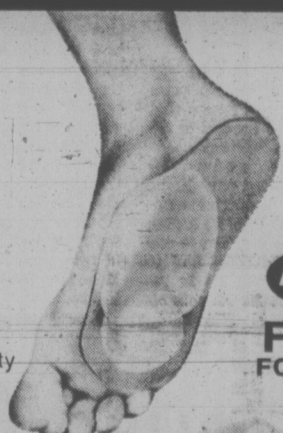
Congress has voted to suspend the entire fee retroactively to Feb. 1. Ford planned to veto that bill today.

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the weather

A high pressure area kept skies mainly clear over the south coast and southern interior overnight. Temperatures fell in some inland localities to the low teens. Snow was falling over northernmost sections of the central interior with slight accumulations. The high is forecast to slip gradually into the interior regions tonight with gradual clearing of most of the cloud. The next Pacific disturbance is expected to weaken as it nears the coast late Wednesday.

DOMINION PUBLIC WEATHER OFFICE 10 A.M. FORECASTS

Valid Until Midnight Wednesday

Greater Victoria: Today and Wednesday, sunny with a few cloudy periods. Highs both days 45 to 58. Lows tonight near 30.

North and West Vancouver Island: Today and Wednesday, sunny with a few cloudy periods. More frequent cloudy intervals over northern sections today. Highs both days in the mid to upper forties. Lows tonight near 30.

Greater Vancouver, Lower Mainland, East Vancouver Island: Regions today and Wednesday, sunny with a few cloudy periods. Highs both days 45 to 50 except near 40 in the interior lower mainland. Lows tonight near 30 except 20 to 25 over some interior mainland valleys.

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York 33, 22; Miami 71, 33; Boston 37, 24; Washington 38, 26; Los Angeles 74, 50; San Diego 62, 53; San Francisco 68, 55; Denver 54, 25; Las Vegas 75, 49; Phoenix 84, 53; Honolulu 80, 66.

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CITY'S WEATHER RECORD

Sunshine, March 9.0 hrs.

Last March 7.4 hrs.

Normal (30 years) 14.0 hrs.

Sunshine, 1975 134.1 hrs.

Last Year 178.7 hrs.

Normal (30 years) 185.5 hrs.

Precipitation, March .14 ins.

Last March .39 ins.

Normal (30 years) .20 ins.

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Ethiopians Bomb Rebels

ADDIS ABABA (UPI) — Government fighter bombers today bombed and strafed suspected strongholds of Eritrean secessionist rebels along the road from Asmara to the fortress town of Keren and the scene of heavy fighting over the weekend, military sources said.

The sources also said more than 3,000 government troops had set out from Asmara for Keren, 35 miles to the northwest, in a convoy of about 70 trucks towing heavy artillery.

Latest reports from Keren said the town is without water, electricity and bread but other vital supplies are available following the weekend fighting, described as the biggest and most sustained battle since hostilities broke out more than a month ago.

Victoria Cadets Aim for Titles

Bruce Turner, Keith Shields, Jack Raine, Tim McDowell, Doug Cain and Rick Chan of the 2483 PPCLI (Esquimalt) Cadet Corps will be competing in the Canadian cadet team rifle championships, March 29-31 in Winnipeg.

The six, along with Ian Whitehead and Paul Bramhill, recently won the B.C. junior smallbore championship for the third straight time with a score of 494 out of a possible 500 during a shootout in Chilliwack.

Manor Rezoning Okayed

Oak Bay council voted Monday night to rezone Oak Bay Manor, a luxury retirement home, at 2251 Cadboro Bay Road, to include setting aside 47 rooms for personal care and 14 rooms for a drug-alcohol reorientation program.

Four residents opposed the change and two spoke in favor at a public hearing preceding council's decision.

Mrs. Rita Hayward, 2548 Dunlevy, complained that

"there's no bars, no nothing, to stop them" and while she was "all for helping them" she thought Sooke "is the place to put them."

But Mrs. Margaret Routledge, who lives in Oak Bay Manor, said "selfishness has a great hold on the whole world. These people need care. I expect Christian people to rise and help them. We have guests there who are alcoholics and they are not hurting us."

Council voted unanimously

in favor of adding personal care rooms. This would be a minimal form of care for older people who need some assistance with their day-to-day living, such as bathing, but who are still mobile.

The vote was 5-to-1 in support of the program of treatment for chemically-dependent persons who have a dependency on alcohol, tranquilizers and sleeping pills but not those addicted to illegal

drugs. Opposing the move was Ald. Doug McClelland.

In urging approval, Ald. Doug Watts said he believed some residents have exaggerated fears about the new uses of a limited number of rooms at the manor.

But he said there should be "careful observation" and if problems did arise he was prepared to reconsider his position and rescind the rezoning bylaw.

PUBLIC FUNDED

Provincial government funds will be available to landlord and tenant groups preparing position papers on rent control policies.

Rent Review Commission chairman John Brewin announced today \$20,000 will be available, half for landlord groups and half for tenant groups. Groups wanting funds must apply by April 1.

The commission is undertaking a detailed study of rent control policies for the province and position papers can be submitted until July 15. The study is expected to be completed by Sept. 1.

Bleak Outlook In Dock Strike

Pisces Joining Chlorine Hunt

The submersible Pisces IV will join in the search Wednesday for 340 tons of liquid chlorine lost when a barge overturned in Malaspina Strait Feb. 19.

Des Allard, ministry of transport spokesman in Vancouver said the Pisces IV would be used to "prove or disprove" some of the reported findings by the hydrographic vessels Vector and Richardson, as well as a small launch probing the more shallow waters of the area.

In the search for the four tanker cars containing the chlorine, Allard said the search vessels had detected a lot of metal in some areas, but the sightings could be the

iron deposits known to be on the sea bed.

The Pisces IV's mother ship, Pandora II, will also join the search Wednesday.

Allard said the vessels will be supplied with 2,000 feet of cable so they can tow side scan sonars at the bottom of the 1,200-foot deep strait.

Visa Cancelled

BELFAST (AP) — The United States has cancelled the tourist visa of an official of the Irish Republican Army's political arm who recently returned to the U.S. on behalf of the IRA, the U.S. consul said today.

RECREATION TEAM NEARLY COMPLETE

Oak Bay council has appointed all but one of the eight residents who will form the majority of the Oak Bay Recreation Commission.

Appointed to two-year terms are Kenneth Hurn, 2808 Thompson; Nancy Hill, 867 Hampshire; Lavinia Greenwood, 687 Mount Joy; and Marilyn Callahan, 733 Oliver.

Appointed to one-year terms are Victor Bull, 1240 Newport; Leta Mace, 1151 Roslyn; and Chris Pollard, 2088 Falkland. One vacancy remains.

Other members of the commission are school trustee Susan Brice and Ald. Doug McClelland and Ald. Norm Piniott.

The commission, with Duncan Russell, superintendent of parks and recreation, will be responsible for the administration of indoor and outdoor parks and recreation including the Oak Bay Recreation Centre now under construction.

Secret Session On Wharves

North Saanich council met behind closed doors Monday night to discuss a B.C. Appeal Court decision last week which held the construction of two wharves from privately-owned land onto the foreshore at the end of Gullhaven Road is illegal.

Ald. George Cumpston said later no decision was reached by council and the subject is still under consideration. He declined to say anything else because the matter is "confidential."

The appeal court, in a judgment written by Mr. Justice Peter Seaton, upheld an earlier B.C. Supreme Court decision that the owner of land adjacent to foreshore does not have the right to build wharves on the foreshore and the owner of the foreshore could claim trespass.

Kathleen Mary Murray and E.M.P. Estates Limited appealed the Supreme Court decision of Mr. Justice George Rae. North Saanich leases the foreshore from the crown.

The appeal court said if the owner of land adjacent to foreshore wants to build a wharf to improve access or if the foreshore owner wishes to do something which would interfere with right of access, "they must reach agreement."

BCGPEA Backs Down

The B.C. Government Professional Employees' Association has withdrawn an unfair labor practice charge against Victoria.

Reason for the charge had been the provincial government's negotiating with some of its salaried physicians outside of BCGPEA-government talks.

BCGPEA spokesmen said they have now received word that no more negotiations will occur before the conclusion of a first agreement between themselves and the government.

Judge Retires At Sidney

Judge D. G. Ashby of Sidney is turning from his law volumes to tend sheep and chickens.

First coming to Victoria in 1946 as head RCMP officer of the city's detachment, he ended that career nine years later and soon became sergeant-at-arms in B.C.'s legislature.

Ashby has presided in courts at Sidney, Salt Spring Island, Sooke, Colwood and Victoria for 17 years since being named judge for Sidney.

He worked to capacity until his retirement, presiding in

two local courts last Friday.

Ashby plans to devote his time to his five-acre farm in Sidney where he raises sheep and poultry.

"I've got lots to do but I'm always here, always available," he said.

He was born in Kent, England 72 years ago.

Known for his respect for life experience, Ashby said: "As long as you're healthy and mentally alert, you get better all the time in the job. You can't get too much experience."

"The answers aren't in the book."

Marguerite Deal Still Alive-CP

A CP rail spokesman in Vancouver confirmed today the provincial government is still interested in negotiating a "package deal" which would include the Princess Marguerite.

"We are in negotiation with the B.C. government," he said, and until things are squared away I cannot say anything that will prejudice negotiations."

Resources Minister Bob Williams hinted Monday a decision will be made soon.

"There is land involved and, therefore, it becomes my responsibility," he said, "I can't say any more than that now, but it shouldn't be too long before we have a decision."

The land is presumed to be about 10 acres in the Belleville area including some waterfront property, which is either owned or held on long-term lease from the federal government by Marathon Realty, the real estate arm of Canadian Pacific.

Winnipeg Renewal Set

WINNIPEG (CP) — A major urban renewal program in the core area of Winnipeg and changes to lessen the risks of the Manitoba Development Corporation were proposed today in the Speech from the Throne opening the 1975 legislature session.

The speech also proposed the start of a long-awaited dental care plan, more provincial funds for public education, new programs for the elderly and re-introduction of a new system of mining taxes.

Conspicuously absent from the speech was any mention

of Autopac, the government's automobile insurance program, or previously announced plans for a two-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax to help reduce the program's huge deficit.

The throne speech, read by Lt.-Gov. W. J. McKeag, was generally optimistic about the state of the Manitoba economy.

It noted that the provincial economy continues to show "sustained strength and balance" despite national and international economic difficulties.

As in previous years, the speech makes special reference to agriculture and northern Manitoba, but mentions few new programs in any detail.

Two Boys Charged

Two Victoria boys, aged 16 and 14, face a charge in juvenile court of theft of about \$360 from the Dirty Duck restaurant in Bastion Square.

City detectives said a security officer at Eaton's became suspicious of two boys who were playing with machines in the store's toy department and notified police.

Investigation turned up \$348, which police said was believed to be part of the \$360 grabbed by two boys who rifled the till of the restaurant on Friday while the manager was in the kitchen for a short period.

capital scene

Capital City Temple No. 35 Pythian Sisters will meet Wednesday, March 5, at 8 p.m. at Norway House, 1110 Hillside Ave.

Pat Martin Bates, associate professor, department of visual arts, University of Victoria, will speak on international print making at a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club Thursday, March 6, at 2 p.m., at the Newcombe Auditorium, Provincial Museum.

A meeting of the Arbutus Toastmistress Club will be a joint meeting between the Victoria Toastmistress Club and the Capital City Speakers Club Thursday, March 6, at 8 p.m., at Carnarvon Park Centre.

The Women's Auxiliary to 800 Pacific Wing RCAF Association will meet Thursday,

March 6, at 8 p.m., at wing headquarters, Wilson Street.

The Esperanto Club of Victoria will hold a business meeting Friday, March 7, at 8 p.m., at the Club Rooms, 631 Fort St.

The Women's Auxiliary to the CNIB will meet Friday, March 7, at 2 p.m., at the auditorium, 1609 Blanshard St.

The Ukrainian Folk Artists of Victoria will hold its Easter-egg decoration workshop Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church.

A slide presentation entitled A Trip to the Yukon will be presented by J. Böttgen Saturday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Saviour's Parish Hall, 310 Henry St.

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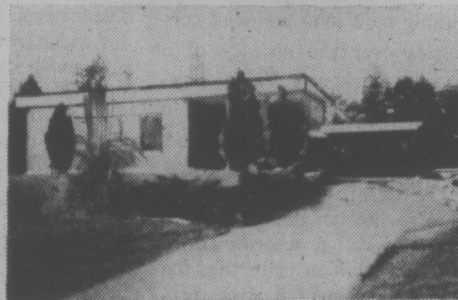
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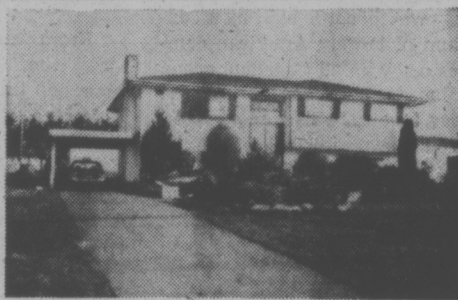
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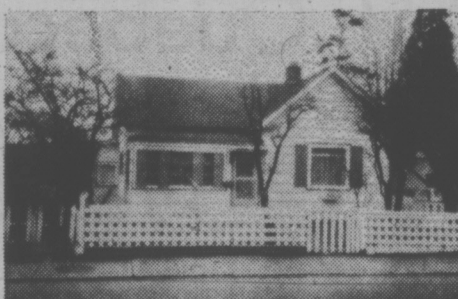
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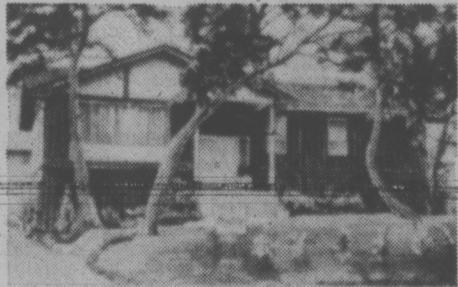
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Failed Alchemy in Education

Education Minister Eileen Dailly has been trying to transmute lead into gold in her beleaguered department for nearly three years. But the lead is in her shoes and the gold still remains in her head. To recapitulate the disappointing sequence of events, the NDP was elected with a mandate to change what is largely acknowledged as a lacklustre educational system in comparison with that of other provinces. The reasons for this sad state of affairs can be partially attributed to the former Social Credit administration which viewed education, especially higher education, as a financial nuisance.

But the NDP has been no better in changing provincial education policies. More money has been available to school boards and student-teacher ratios have been reduced under current government

policy. Still, the public is left with the impression that dithering has been substituted for direction. First John Bremer, much-vaunted education commissioner, was fired. His replacement of less than six months, Dr. Stanley Knight, was also removed. In both cases, explanations emanating from Dailly's office were not convincing, especially from politicians who promised open government.

Last Thursday, the day before the budget, in a clever bit of timing designed for the minimum public attention, Dailly fired five members of Knight's former staff. Asked to explain, the education minister refused to comment and reverted to bureaucratic double-talk instead. Is this the kind of open government we can expect whenever the government has egg on its face? The education department will spend \$754.2 million in 1975-76, an increase of 23.6 per

cent over its revised estimates, which in turn represent an overrun of \$56 million above the original 1974-75 estimates. Yet Dailly has the gall to dismiss the latest firings as an "inter-personnel matter."

Throughout the whole series of firings the education minister has appeared weak and defensive. Her explanations have been murky, colored by a decided lack of candor — an unforgivable situation in a department that will spend more than three quarters of a billion in the next year or so. Dailly would not be facing such a torrent of criticism if she had leveled with the electorate which pays the bills. Instead, the alchemy continues unabated. The best thing that could occur is for Premier Barrett to transfer her to less onerous duties. If this doesn't happen the minister has two choices: explain herself or resign.



letters

Job Availability

Two weeks ago, the Times carried an article under the heading Jobs For Those Who Want Them. The article was based on interviews with a Mr. Atcheson and a Mr. Costain, both of Canada Manpower.

Both officials stated flatly that there are plenty of jobs available in Victoria for anyone who "wants to work." They cited the fact that the local Manpower office presently lists 150 job vacancies as proof of this. In actual fact, said Atcheson, there are probably four times that many jobs available in Victoria. (To find them, simply canvass all stores and offices.)

So much for the "official" news release. Here are the actual facts, based on research carried out by an independent observer (myself).

As of last week, job listings at Canada Manpower totalled less than 150. Of this number a good percentage were for out of town jobs. A typical example would be an order for underground miners at Thompson, Man. or an order for a vacuum cleaner salesman (commission basis) in Saskatoon.

Of the remaining number, fully half the in-town openings were for work such as restaurant help, laundry workers, babysitting and secretarial jobs. Work which is normally done by females. If you happen to be a male, like myself, these jobs are not open to you.

Of the very few jobs which remain, those under the sales work category

comprise the largest number. The lucky job-seekers can take his choice between peddling everything from herbs to gold bullion.

I would like to make two suggestions. Firstly, that the Times do a follow-up article on unemployment in this city. It should be unbiased, based on facts, not manufactured statistics. It should be well-researched and fully documented. It should contain a number of personal interviews with people who are themselves unemployed.

My second suggestion is that the provincial government give serious consideration to replacing all Canada Manpower centres in British Columbia with its own counselling and job-placement agency. My point is that even if it could do no better than Manpower, it could not possibly do worse. At the very least, the hundred thousand people who are presently unemployed in this province would be spared the insult of being told that "there are jobs for those who want them." — Disgusted.

False Illusions

The housing crisis in this city has reached emergency proportions. The people of Victoria are being smothered in false illusions. Those who desperately need housing are being cast aside because the members of city council, who seem to represent only the business community (are any of them tenants or on

pensions or unemployed) are not concerned with the real needs of the public. Sure, the renovation of old buildings is of considerable benefit to the community. Who denies that?

But such proposals are misleading the people and diverting their attention from the most immediate problem — insufficient housing — which if not dealt with at once will render this city not worth living in, no matter how attractive developers make it. What is the point in having an attractive urban setting when individual people and families have to suffer and pay the consequences?

Let us not allow city council members to paint a pretty and comforting picture like "citizen involvement with local government in the housing field is at its best". The Capital Regional District has set up a housing authority (which will entitle it to funds from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corp.) Victoria itself should have a housing authority. Ald. Murray Glazier has said that as housing committee chairman he was "landbanking" and would then work with co-op groups, etc. — which is fine, but what happens to the homeless people meanwhile? (In a food shortage emergency do you send only seeds? I am so sick and tired of political statements — is there not even one alderman who will tell a straight story? Or would their honesty reveal how little council is doing and thereby jeopardize their own personal ambitions? — Helen Oldershaw, 366 St. Charles Street.

The Pipeline Battle Opens

The first battle in what will inevitably be a long series of controversies over the efficacy of a 2,500-mile Mackenzie Valley pipeline to transport natural gas to southern markets opens this week in Yellowknife. While only a preliminary skirmish to larger questions of whether the pipeline is needed or whether we can afford the \$5 to \$7 billion price tag, the environmental impact hearings presided over by Mr. Justice Thomas Berger of the B.C. Supreme Court, will set the stage for the largest economic drama in Canadian history.

No doubt exists about the eventual construction of the pipeline — whether it is built by a consortium of largely American companies or by an all Canadian group remains to be seen — but the Berger inquiry will closely examine how the project will affect the native population socially and environmentally. For opens the international consortium of Arctic gas is saying it will be happy to recompense the natives for the 40 square mile strip right of way the pipeline will use. But it is obvious

that the natives, with \$705,000 in financing, are going to argue on a far wider front. Justice Berger has also made clear that he plans to take as long as necessary so everyone will be heard. That may take until the middle of 1976, according to some observers.

Against this background the federal government and Arctic Gas can hardly contain their enthusiasm to get the project going. Northern Affairs Minister Judd Buchanan says there is no reason why the pipeline cannot go ahead while negotiations with natives are underway — a statement that hangs in the Arctic air like the congealed exhaust of a pipe laying machine.

From an economic point of view, the Arctic Gas position hinges on transporting some of the estimated 24 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the Alaskan Prudhoe Bay field to Midwest U.S. markets. Whether short term employment and economic gains on this proposition are worth the financial impact that a project of this magnitude would have on the Canadian economy, not to mention the envi-

ronmental and social hazards, has yet to be proved. The all Canadian line, with no connection to the Alaskan fields, is dependent on sufficient northern natural gas reserves — another point that remains in doubt.

Meanwhile the National Energy Board, echoing Arctic Gas' position, says Canada faces a severe energy crisis within a decade unless new supplies are found. As usual in situations involving multinational oil companies, the facts are often as opaque as the black gold they seek. It was only a few years ago the oil companies told a naïve NEB that Canada had nothing to worry about on energy matters until at least the early 1990s. Now, apparently, we are in imminent danger of running out of petroleum fuels.

Canada's native groups will be the instrument through which the first layers of this complex matter are peeled back. Justice Berger has a difficult task, the solution of which will have far ranging implications for Canadian law, economics, nationalism and even politics. What transpires will be closely watched by all Canadians.

Parti Quebecois Has Leaky Roof But Sees Sunny Days Ahead

By ROB BULL

MONTREAL — The sign on the door at the head of the stairs leading into Parti Quebecois headquarters reads: Liberated Territory, welcome. The party rents the second floor of an industrial building in the northern suburbs of Montreal, a five-dollar cab ride from the centre of town.

In the room used for news conferences, the roof leaks and old election posters are stuffed around some of the windows to keep out the drafts, but these offices are the headquarters for the official opposition in Quebec's national assembly.

In the 1973 election, 30 per cent of Quebec voters supported this party which edged past other opposition groups to gain six seats in the Quebec legislature. The Liberal government has 101 seats.

A poll taken a year after that election for two of the province's major dailies showed that PQ support had slipped only two points to 28 per cent of those questioned.

It also showed that the Liberals who won 55 per cent of the vote in 1973 had slipped to 29 per cent a year later, just one point ahead of the PQ with a total of 27 per cent of those questioned not saying for whom they would vote.

Another part of the survey showed that while the percentage of Quebecers favoring independence had risen to 28 per cent from 20 per cent, a total of 57.5 per cent of Quebecers including 26 per cent of Parti Quebecois supporters were against the idea.

The survey reflects what many observers have been saying since, that Parti Quebecois support remains constant, that the majority of Quebecers still have to be sold on the idea of independence and that Liberal supporters are dissatisfied. The reasons for the latter are increasingly obvious. They include a continuing series of scandals that have tarnished the Liberal government's image as a clean and efficient administration and the discontent of a solid block of Liberal supporters, the 20 per cent of Quebecers who are not French-Canadians, with the government's language policy.

But the government can stay in office until 1978. The PQ has three years to keep up the pressure, to use its role as the official opposition and the publicity that comes with it to present itself as the only alternative to the Liberals in the province. It must explain its program of political independence for Quebec peacefully obtained while keeping the economic association with Canada, and it must build up a vote-getting machine that can win a substantial number of ridings outside of the east end of Montreal.

The last task may be the toughest. If there is one thing the Liberals are good at here it is winning elections, and with three years' leeway, the government has a lot of time to clean up its act.

For the time being, as Dominique Clift, Quebec editor of the Montreal Star wrote recently about PQ leader Rene Levesque, "the loss of prestige and respectability suffered by the Liberals seem to place independence aims within his grasp."

Levesque emerged from the party's convention last November with the party firmly in his reins. Local analysts noted that almost the entire executive elected then are his supporters. With a strong grasp of procedures, public debate and patient lobbying, his people got the convention to approve an independence referendum.

This plank in the platform means that the party if it came to power, would start working immediately for independence. If the federal government proved unco-operative in negotiation, the PQ government would call for a Quebec-wide referendum on the issue. Since the convention, the party has taken steps to assure policy is co-ordinated by the party executive with the PQ members in the national assembly.

A case in point was the filibuster waged over Christmas against the government's pay raises for legislators by the PQ members in the provincial house, at the insistence of PQ leaders.

Pierre Bourgault was once considered a member of the party's radical wing. President of the Rassemblement Pour L'Indépendance Nationale (one of the founding organizations of the PQ), until 1968, and elected to the party executive



Parti Quebecois leader Rene Levesque addresses party rally.

in 1971, Bourgault resigned from active politics two years ago.

Last month he returned to the party and some observers prophesied trouble between this veteran of the riots and demonstrations of the late 1960s and early 1970s and Levesque who has worked hard in the last two years to make his party a respectable alternative to the Liberals. But to date, Bourgault has been discreet.

At a news conference in the room with the leaky ceiling this week, Levesque was in fine form, in turn telling and cool and coming on rather like one of those people who is beginning to see some prophecies he made a long time ago possibly coming true. The news conference was called to repeat the party's stand on Bourassa's Official Language Act, or at least those parts of it dealing with education.

The party platform states that a separate school system for those Quebecers with English as a mother tongue should be maintained, its size to be limited by the number of such students in its classes.

All students already in the English system from other backgrounds would be allowed to complete their education in it. All others, including immigrants, would be streamed into the public, French-language system. After independence, of course, immigrants would include Canadians.

Commenting on the resignation of federal Transport Minister Jean Marchand as head of the Quebec Liberal caucus in Ottawa, Levesque said: "He gets more and more lost in the fog of history. He strikes me as a man in the process of getting ready to write his memoirs."

On the current squabble between Ottawa and Quebec, he said: "Bourassa was largely created by the imagemakers and the secondary leaders of the Liberal party, setting aside his family connections of course. . . . In Ottawa they wanted a kind of proconsul in Quebec City to hold power and maintain the status quo."

"Now he seems to be caught in a kind of Quebecois Watergate. There is a sort of preliminary aura around him and pressure to get rid of him."

"The Bourassa government is apparently trying to save itself with a new constitutional attack, cultural sovereignty, energy sovereignty, deep-water port sovereignty, even some kind of Franco-Quebec co-prosperity sphere . . . There is real concern about this in Ottawa. The daggers are being sharpened."

Later, in an office a twisted corridor away, Claude Mallette, political advisor to the party president, explained the PQ drive now underway which organizers feel should raise party support to 40 per cent of Quebecers in two years time.

The idea of Quebec independence is now supported by one daily newspaper, Le Jour, a year-old this week with a circulation of about 25,000. Party members are being encouraged to take a greater role in the community around them, in social groups and municipal elections. Indeed last November, PQ members fought Mayor Jean Drapeau's Civic Party and helped elect councillors in the opposition Montreal Citizens Movement.

The party executive is putting on a heavy push in all parts of the province and there are plans for Levesque to visit every riding in Quebec this year. He has also been explaining his position to people in other provinces, notably British Columbia.

Party leaders are constantly on tour, visiting Chambers of Commerce and the Knights of Columbus, talking to local community leaders and regional weekly newspaper reporters, turning up at factories and on picket lines.

"It's the undecided we're after," Mallette said. "Part of the job is explaining just what we mean by Quebec political independence and economic association with Canada. For that matter what does federalism mean?"

60 YEARS AGO

From the Times of March 4, 1915

James Bourget, a veteran of the American Civil War, passed away yesterday at Royal Jubilee Hospital at the advanced age of 95. Mr. Bourget was a native of Quebec and was of French extraction. A soldier in the Civil War from 1860 to 1864, he was discharged at Washington after the war was over, in later years going out to California and living there for some time before coming to Victoria to make his home. Despite his great age he successfully underwent the severe operation of having his leg amputated just a year ago. He had been confined to hospital practically all the time since then.

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GROWING OLD the American Way



... and a Better Danish Way

The world's population is expected to double by the year 2000. In all the developed countries this means a dramatic increase in the proportion of old people as the birthrate continues to drop while medical science finds more ways to prolong life.

There is another facet to the problem: the stresses of modern life hasten the aging process. Today, men and women of 65 who may be as physically hardy as their forebears find themselves rejected socially and vocationally due, in part, to the geographical dispersion of industry and the disintegration of the extended family.

For the average worker, "old age" begins with retirement. The International Labor Office has been much concerned with this problem and has proposed that, for manual workers, for five years prior to retirement there should be a gradual change in work patterns to ease the transition.

An employers' organization, "Business and Progress," in a recent report agrees that there should be no brutal break between active life and "the forced leisure of old age." Not only must a sudden drop in income be avoided but also the feeling of social uselessness and isolation.

Ease Transition

This theory has been tried out on an experimental basis in France by the Gillette company in Annecy, which has about 800 salaried workers. The plan there is built around staggered vacation for the "over sixties": two extra weeks paid vacation the first year, four the second, eight the third, 12 the fourth, and 20 the last. About 40 people, or five per cent of the total manpower, were involved in this "pre-retirement" plan. An annual voyage to a sunny

country and a little nest egg for the "farewell banquet" completed the offer. According to Gillette-France, after two trial years it seems that the workers are well satisfied.

Easing the transition to retirement is, of course, only one small aspect of the human and social problems of old age. Answers are being sought to two cardinal questions: first, what can be done to provide a life of dignity and decency for those who are in fact "too old to work"; second, can anything be done to postpone the onset of this state of social uselessness and dependency?

Phone Checks

Some interesting solutions are being worked out in Denmark. In Gentofte, for example, a Copenhagen suburb, volunteers make daily phone calls to isolated old people to find out if they need anything before the daily arrival of the town's visiting housekeeper. There are 5,000 such housekeepers for the metropolitan area of Copenhagen (about half million inhabitants), paid by the social services department. The municipality provides telephone service for people living alone who are either invalids, seriously ill, or simply very old. In cases of emergency, volunteer neighborhood teams immediately go to the home of the person in trouble.

In effect, the Danes have institutionalized something which used to be simply a tradition of good neighborhoodliness.

Denmark is gradually phasing out its 800 existing old age and retirement homes. One of these — superior to retirement homes in most countries but actually archaic — is "Camles By," the "Old People's City" in the centre of downtown Copenhagen. It is an austere group of nineteenth-century brick buildings, a lugubrious mixture of

By JEAN BENOIT
Le Monde, Paris

convent and prison-without-bars.

To be sure, each resident has his own suite of rooms and each window opens onto trees, with gulls flying over. But we are told that cries often echo through these corridors and dreary beds, where a thousand old people with no families, bedridden, physically or mentally handicapped, quietly finish out their days.

In the middle of the park, there is a tetracycline typical of such establishments: the chapel, the recreation room, the dispensary and the morgue. This is, in effect, a ghetto for the aged.

In contrast, the Tranehaven Centre, a geriatric clinic in suburban Gentofte, is designed to prevent or postpone the consignment of people to such ghettos. At first sight there is nothing to differentiate this municipal establishment of 360 residents from other geriatric clinics except for the number of personnel — including some 50 student nurses who take courses here, between their shifts. The X-ray, rehabilitation, and other equipment are also excellent.

The centre is remarkable as a paradigm of a future strategy in which geriatrics (care of the aged) and gerontology (study of aging) are joined. This involves developing a precise sociomedical "profile" of every resident faced with a loss of autonomy because of his age, health and solitude.

Present plans call for setting up a number of similar "rehabilitation" clinics. More than stepping stones between hospital and retirement homes, their aim, according to the chief doctor of Tranehaven, is to become "centers of combat against all aging factors and their consequences."

These aging factors are not only pathological, such as fractures and chronic illnesses. They are also closely related to heredity, social environment, the job a person had, noise, pollution, and the pressures of life in the industrial world. Shelley wrote, "Man reverberates like an Aeolian harp." Old age is first of all a social illness.

At Gentofte, the social service department sorts out the sociomedical files which come to it either from hospitals, general practitioners, or the homes of retired people who are having trouble. "Operation survival" takes place in three stages. First, a "situational conference" brings together each of the people concerned with the retired person's file: doctor, nurse, social worker, and physiotherapist. A decision is made either to keep the person in his home, admit him to an apartment for old people in an ordinary apartment building, to a special old people's housing development with a restaurant, or a nursing or psychiatric facility.

Nurse Visits

If he is admitted to the Tranehaven geriatric centre medical personnel and social workers collaborate on each case. After treatment, which can last three months, a final decision on the future of each patient is made: in the happiest cases, the retired person goes home and will be visited once a week for six months by a nurse from the geriatric centre. The entire purpose is to restore autonomy and social reintegration.

Of course there will always come a point when such reintegration is impossible. The rise of the aged is basically an economic phenomenon. In a new world, which is hard even toward the young, "the old" no longer have a place. The minimum we can do for them, it would seem, would

NEW YORK — Growing old is extraordinarily unpleasant in this land of the youth-cult and Americans have always been a little defensive about the way they treat their old people.

But it was not until some profoundly disturbing facts about nursing homes for the aged were publicized this winter that people here were forced to consider what life is like for most of the elderly, and what the American economic and social system does to them. In a television documentary the other night, an old man peered into the camera that was filming him and warned, "Whatever has happened to us will happen to you sooner or later."

Let us hope not. The elderly American is likely to live with his spouse or alone isolated from and neglected by the community, and plagued by a sense of uselessness, anxiety about money and fear of getting ill and no one to care for him. At 65, thanks to modern medicine, he still has a life expectancy of 15 years — and nothing whatever to do with them. For in spite of the experience and ability of most senior citizens, they still are regarded as a social problem in-

stead of a potential solution to some of society's ailments.

The well-to-do, who constitute less than 5 per cent of the over-65 population, often live in "retirement communities" which are actually old-age ghettos in Florida or California. Old people don't like being segregated with other old people, but it's better than being isolated in a city apartment and at least the weather is good.

Toilet in Hall

The less well-off live mainly in cities, sometimes in old age homes, more often in their own apartments. "In New York, lots of them have lived in their apartments for 30 or 40 years," a social worker says. "The bathtub is in the kitchen and the toilet is in the hall and the apartment may be on the 5th or 6th floor of a walk-up."

Their lives are circumscribed by their church and perhaps a friend or two. Their children are too busy with their own lives to spare any time. So they spend their days watching television.

"In summer they would like to go outdoors but in most areas there is no place for them to sit and they are too frightened of muggers to go to the park. They've worked hard all their lives and they may have saved a couple of hundred dollars but they want that money to go to their grandchildren and they'd rather die of need than touch it. Gradually they just wither away, alone, unnoticed, untended, and uncared for."

Almost all of the elderly receive social security retirement benefits and those on a poverty level also get meagre supplementary benefits. Everyone also gets government medical insurance which pays a proportion — but by no means all — of medical and hospital costs. The very poor can, in some cases, qualify for help in paying their rent.

Even so, a great many elderly people are so poor they must live in cockroach-infested rooms in dingy rooming houses or welfare hotels. Fear haunts them, fear of the other tenants who are often criminals or addicts, and they live behind double-locked doors

By JANE ROSEN
Manchester Guardian

which they seldom open. If they are unable to take care of themselves they must go to a nursing home where the treatment they get has become the latest American scandal.

The scandal was touched off by a series of reports about nursing home conditions in the New York Times last October. Since state and local authorities and at least one Congressional committee have been aware of the situation for years, one wonders why it took the Times to prod everybody into action. In any event there now is plenty of action, including seventeen different official investigations and several grand juries hearing evidence involving possible criminal action by nursing home operators and personnel.

These are the facts that have emerged: for almost a decade Americans with ailing old parents too poor to afford health care have been packing them away in nursing homes. This is because of a federal program called Medicaid which reimburses nursing home operators for caring for the elderly poor.

Medicaid is a generous program; it spends about 10 billion dollars a year. The funds are distributed by the state governments which have turned the responsibility for implementing the program to private enterprise. The theory is that private enterprise can build and operate nursing homes faster and more efficiently than the government.

Many of the states enacted legislation to prevent corruption — New York, for example, bars corporations from operating nursing homes on the ground that they should be run by small owners presumably dedicated to the care of their patients. And indeed some of the homes — chiefly those operated as non-profit institutions — do give tender, loving, and competent care. But the so-called proprietary homes which are operated for profit are a different story.

Most of them are owned by corporations which lease them, often to their own executives or their relatives who operate them solely for the

purpose of making an easy buck. Under the law profits are limited to 10 per cent on investment; in fact Wall Street analysts figure that nursing homes yield between 20 and 40 per cent to their owners.

How do they do it? In New York there are 70,000 aging poor in nursing homes and the state pays the operators \$12,000 for each patient. The operators are supposed to spend this money on medical attention, food, nursing care, clothing, and recreational and therapeutic facilities. Much of it goes into the operators' pockets without buying anything at all for the patients. The Times quotes a dietician at one home as saying the food was so bad "a cat couldn't eat it." No vegetables, very little fruit, a tablespoon of ground-meat.

But the operator charges Medicaid for three full meals a day for the patients and since he buys from his own purchasing company, a government inspector would be unlikely to find any bills to dispute his claims.

With each new hearing additional details of the horror story emerge and the public's sense of revulsion mounts. The nursing home industry's immunity from prosecution or even effective regulation often appears to result from political favoritism.

In Own Homes

Now though, public sentiment is growing for a different system of care for the elderly poor. Instead of dumping them in nursing homes to sit and wait for death, they could often be given the care they need in their own homes. "This is the big push now," said Ms. Mary Yankauer, director of the Carter Burden Centre, a dedicated voluntary organization for the aged in Manhattan.

"The old concept of one-to-one help must be restored. Old people respond much better in a familiar environment. They can have health aides visit them every day and attendants to bring them hot meals and take care of their homes — and it would brighten their lives and be far less expensive than putting them in nursing homes."

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When Bigotry Bloomed

The fuss over immigration policy may indeed arouse some sleeping dogs of racism around the country, and the yapping will give many nice people the satisfaction of knowing they're not as bigoted as more mass Canadians. (I've known guys who got a kick out of believing that, inside every outwardly decent Canadian, a Nazi degenerate struggles for self-expression.)

Now I hate to spoil anyone's good, clean fun. And I'm not dumb enough to say Canadians have a mysterious, indigenous immunity to the ancient delights of hating funny-looking neighbors. But I do insist that, so far as bigotry goes, Canada is not as bad as it was in the '20s. Things are getting better.

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In 1923, for instance, a fellow named Napier Moore was merely having along about "Red Ukrainians, Red Poles and Red Poles" in our midst. They were "foreign communistic agitators" and "loose snakes." Their newspapers "oozed Red." And, by Jove, they had insulted the Union Jack. They deserved nothing so much as "a good, heavy boot in the right direction."

Moore was not some crazy Red-baiter. He was editor of Maclean's. He was among Canada's leading journalists and yet, sprinkled throughout his magazine, there were jokes and epithets that modern readers would denounce as racist ridicule and the most beastly form of bigotry.

He may have disliked Reds more than he disliked Poles but, even if it were the pure Polishness of Poles that



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bothered him, he'd have had ample Canadian company. Our boys and girls, a Maclean's reader insisted, deserve only "good, clean, British books," and many Canadians clearly felt the country deserved only good, clean British immigrants. White ones, of course.

Canada, a magazine writer gloated, had observed "the unfortunate example of unrestricted immigration" to the United States. Canada had therefore decided to be "restrictive and selective."

Enough, for some, not restrictive enough.

In 1924, a writer with an impeccably WASP name — John Nelson — publicly worried about "the menace of polylingualism" on the Prairies. By this, he appears to have meant there were too many jabbering foreigners out west.

Nelson was not a prophet of the cultural mosaic. He hoped "the authorities" would produce "a composite type through the agency of our English speech," and a heart-warming little miracle at a school in Winnipeg gave him hope.

While in the primary and junior grades the racial distinctions (of foreign-born children) were marked and unmistakable, yet curiously enough by the time they had reached high school

entrance, the influence of playground, study and environment had wrought not only a mental change, but had standardized facial expression until the task of distinguishing Canadian from European was very difficult indeed.

The miracle, as Nelson acknowledged, "does not apply, of course, to the Asiatic." Some racial distinctions were beyond the standardizing power of even the bubbling melting pot of Canadian schools, and, not only that, "600 Orientals cast their votes in Edmonton in the last provincial election." Bad news.

Nelson regarded British Columbia as "one of the last frontiers of the white race against the yellow and the brown." In his vision, even the menace of polylingualism was trivial beside the Yellow Peril.

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But surely, you argue, this fellow was just another crackpot. Those "screwballs" are all over the place, aren't they? Could be, but Nelson's book boasted an introduction by none other than the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, the former prime minister of Canada.

Meighen said the volume had "unique charm." Its virtues raised it "out of the passing dust of ephemeral journalism and into the domain of permanently useful literature."

As a literary critic, however, Meighen turned out to be a pretty good orator. My copy of Nelson's book bears four purple, rubber-stamp marks, and they all say the same thing: "Discarded by the Toronto Public Libraries."

Resort Fire Sparks Firemen's Complaints

CAMPBELL RIVER — Fire Chief Bill McIntosh has had enough of fighting fires outside his department's jurisdiction.

After a fire that early Sunday destroyed Salmon Point Resort, 11 miles south of Campbell River, the chief said the effort cost the department a lot of money and manpower "we didn't have to spend."

The resort is in an area serviced by the Willow Point vol-

unteer fire brigade. But the brigade had difficulty handling the fire and called the Campbell River department.

"We didn't have to attend the fire but we did," of course, the wear and tear on our equipment increased and we damaged a pump," Chief McIntosh said.

He said a "hard and fast look" at the situation must be made in the immediate future.

"Anyway, why should people in Campbell River pay for fires outside our district?"

No one was injured in the blaze which swept the two-storey cedar building. The fire is thought to have begun in the laundry room, quickly spreading throughout the entire building and totally destroying it.

The fire was first noticed by Barbie Williams, daughter of the owners. She awakened the family and the only guest in the building.

The lodge had recently been renovated and sold, and the Williams were planning to move to Victoria this month.

Crews Not Chancing Mud Slide Repeat

Provincial highway department crews are working at Port Alice to prevent a mud slide similar to one that thundered down on the small northern Vancouver Island community two years ago and left 14 families homeless.

Department spokesman John Kerr said the potential slide is near the area of the Dec. 15, 1973, slide but does not appear to pose an immediate danger to the town.

"But we don't want to take any chances," he added. "Some movement was spotted on the mountain in early January and consultants went up there."

He said crews are lashing residue logs and slash with one-inch cables. The debris is left from logging operations in the area 30 years ago and pose a slide threat in wet weather.

In 1973, torrential rains brought tons of mud and logs down the mountain, knocking houses from their foundations, burying cars and filling streets with debris. There were no deaths or serious injuries.

But the community is concerned about the possibility of

another slide, said Mrs. Pat Akerley, clerk at the municipal office in Port Alice.

"It was very fortunate no one was hurt in the last one ... if you could have seen the volume of mud," she said.

STUDENTS HIKE FEES

Students at the University of Victoria have voted to increase Alma Mater Society fees, bringing Student Union Building expansion one step closer.

After defeating a vote for a \$10 increase in the present \$32 fee, they decided last week to make that increase \$5.

Four dollars of the increase will go to a fund for expansion of the building.

The project has been in limbo since leaders last month surpassed estimates. Thirty-three per cent of the students cast ballots, with 80 per cent favoring increased fees.

BEFORE THE JUDGE

A 25-year-old Victoria man was charged Monday in provincial court with trafficking in heroin and released on his own recognizance in the sum of \$2,000.

Michael Fraser, of no fixed address, was remanded to March 11 by Judge William Ostler.

Kenneth Jones, 23, of 1131 Pandora, was remanded to Friday on a charge of possession of LSD for the purpose of trafficking.

Prosecutor Michael Hutchinson said Jones had 1,900 individual "hits" of LSD hidden in his apartment when arrested.

Ostler ordered Jones to be detained in custody because he had a prior conviction of possession of hashish for trafficking.

Harold W. Pegoraro, 32, of 837 Johnson, was sentenced to three months in jail plus one

year's probation for theft of an end table and lamp from 1270 Beach.

He received a seven-day concurrent sentence for possession of marijuana.

Gary A. Smith, 17, of 1120 McClure, was given six months in jail and a year's probation for breach of probation.

Smith had been convicted in October of two charges of break, enter and theft, and had received a suspended sentence.

Frank W. Richards, 28, address not known, received four months in jail for assault causing bodily harm.

James R. McCallum, 21, of 786 Goldstream, was fined \$100 for possession of marijuana.

Stuart W. Wood, 19, of 2914 Carol Ann Place, was fined \$75 for possession of hashish.

Marvin L. Moran, 19, of 2072 Chaucer, pleaded guilty to failing to remain at the scene of an accident, a three-car accident which occurred Feb. 22 on Orchard Ave.

He was given a \$250 fine and a driving licence suspension.

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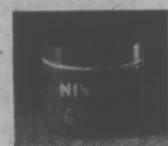
Oven Guards
65. Fold over guards to
take the oven clean-
chore out of oven
cleaning.
Sale Price... Pack of 2 **88¢**



Ginger Jar
73. 15-oz. jar, ex-
cellent for candy
storage or decorative
accessory piece.
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Knee Hi's
81. One size fits all.
Stock up now at these
special savings.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**



Nivea Cream
3. Moisturizes skin.
Removes make-up
easily. 4-oz. size.
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Listerine
12. An effective
mouthwash and gargle
for bad breath, sore
throat. 12-fl. oz.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Instant Polyfilla
21. Ready to use. In
handy 12-oz. tube.
Stock up at savings.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Garden Twine
30. Polypropylene
twine for home or gar-
den. 600 ft.
Sale Price... roll **88¢**



Scotch Tape
39. Transparent
cellulose tape. 1/2" x
100'.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**



Index Book
48. Telephone and
address book handy
indexed for quick
access.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



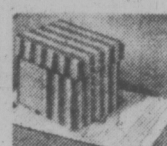
Long Life Globes
57. 4-year "Frosted"
Royale globes. 40, 60,
100 watt.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**



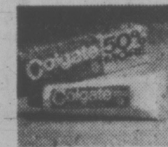
Waste Basket
66. Decorative, easy-
to-clean vinyl. In
assorted colors.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Beer Mugs
74. 14-oz. beer mugs
with assorted Canadian
labels.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



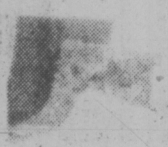
Pattern File
82. Keep your sewing
patterns neat and in
order. Sturdy card-
board.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



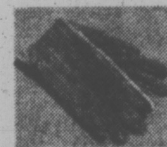
Toothpaste
4. Stock up for the
family on popular
Colgate toothpaste.
150 ml.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Q-Tips
13. For baby's needs,
and yours. Package of
90s.
Sale Price... **2 for 88¢**



Mactac
22. Contact vinyl
adhesive in various
patterns.
Sale Price... 2 yds. **88¢**



Garden Gloves
31. Ladies' gloves in
elasticized vinyl. Men's
in vinyl impregnated
cotton.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Playing Cards
40. Attractive picture
back designs.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Gift Wrap
49. Gift wrapping
paper for all special oc-
casions.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**



Juice Decanter
58. 1/2 gallon size
decanter for juices, stor-
ing soup stock, etc.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



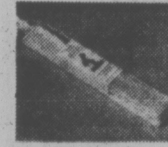
Ironing Pad Set
67. Silicone treated
cover. All Fab pad,
thick and cushiony.
15" x 54".
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Coloring Books
75. Keep little ones
happy for hours. Many
pictures to color.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**



Polyester Thread
83. Strong and sturdy
thread in assorted
colors. 9 spools per
bag.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Toothbrush
5. Dr. Weil's Tooth-
brush. Soft, medium
or hard bristles.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**



Vaseline Lotion
14. Intensive Care
softens and moisturizes.
Excellent makeup base.
10 1/2-fl. oz.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Bristle Brush Set
23. 1" and 2" size in
fine bristle brushes.
Sale Price... set **88¢**



Deco Treads
32. Floral appliques
for safe, sure footing in
bath or shower.
Sale Price... pk. **88¢**



Luncheon Napkins
41. Luxury quality by
Denshion. Assorted
designs and colors.
Sale Price... **2 for 88¢**



Playtime Doodler
50. Large size pad of
assorted colored paper.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Plastic Pail
59. Sturdy pail for
every day use. In
assorted colors.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Durable Tumblers
68. Long life, stronger
than ordinary glass.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**



Record/Storybook
76. Good choice of
titles. Record with
storybook to follow
along.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Mixed Nuts
84. Nutty Club brand
of delicious and
nourishing mixed nuts.
4-oz.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Air Freshener
6. Wizard Room Air
Freshener removes
odours quickly, easily.
Sale Price... **2 for 88¢**



Utility Mat
15. Vinyl mat, ideal
for home or car.
Assorted colors.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Plastic Sheet
24. Protect your fur-
niture, floors, while
painting. 8' x 10', 2 ml.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Extension Cord
33. Electric extension
cords, complete with
connectors. White or
brown.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Writing Pads
42. Woodward's all
purpose, riviera size
note pads.
Sale Price... **2 for 88¢**



Mini List Finder
51. Useful mini-size
telephone list finder.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Sponge Pack
60. 8 assorted con-
venient sized household
sponges.
Sale Price... pk. **88¢**



Glass Sherbets
69. Sherbet Bowl.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**
69a. Sherbet Plates.
Sale Price... **2 for 88¢**



Little Elf Books
77. Wide range of
titles from which to
choose.
Sale Price... **3 for 88¢**



Sport Socks
85. Ideal for all sports
enthusiasts. Stock up!
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Marigold Gloves
16. A genuine skin
wiper. Handy for
washing and polishing.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Chamois
16. A genuine skin
wiper. Handy for
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Sale Price... each **88¢**



Hand Cleaner
25. Red Ram waterless
lotion hand cleaner for
grime, grease, paint.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Hose Hanger
34. Wall mount
hanger. Welded one-
piece construction in
heavy gauge steel.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Envelopes
43. Woodward's che-
que size envelopes for
home or office.
Sale Price... **2 for 88¢**



Stapler Kit
52. Stapler, staple
remover and box of
staples.
Sale Price... pk. **88¢**



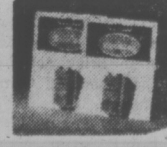
Splatter Screen
61. Covers fry pan to
let steam escape. Keeps
grease in.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Stemware
70. Stock up now at
savings on wine glass
stemware.
Sale Price... **2 for 88¢**



Whitman Puzzles
78. Assorted pictures
to puzzle and piece
together.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Batteries
86. Woodward's
W216 9-V flashlight
batteries.
Sale Price... **2 for 88¢**



Arid Deodorant
9. In spray or powder
aerosol cans. 6-fl. oz.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Squeegee & Sponge
17. 8" wide sponge
and flexible wiper
blade. 16" overall.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Masking Tape
26. Essential when
painting around the
home. 1" x 60 yds.
Sale Price... roll **88¢**



Pruner
35. 6" pruner is ideal
for rose bushes and
small garden shrubs.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Bic 4 Color Pen
44. Handy ballpoint
pen. 4 colors in one.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Greeting Cards
53. Boxed assortment
of lovely all occasion
greeting cards.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Aluminum Bakeware
62. Bread and loaf pan;
square cake pan; larger
cake pan with cutter;
oblong cake pan; 6-cup
muffin tin. Your choice.
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Relish Set
71. Fluted glass dish
with shaped ladle.
Sale Price... set **88¢**



Model Kits
79. A good assortment
of planes and cars to
choose from for
building fun.
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Flashlight
87. Dependable and
convenient for pocket or
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18. Long-lasting and
effective control. 1 1/2-fl.
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Hose Nozzle
27. Adjusts to various
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leakproof shut-off.
Sale Price... each **88¢**



Rot-It
36. Converts leaves,
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into rich humus. 3-lb.
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Liquid Crayons
45. Pouch pack of 12
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Hasti-Notes
54. Box of floral Hasti-
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Freezer Pack
63. Handy 3 pack of
24-oz. plastic freezer
containers with snap-
tight lids.
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80. One size fits 90-
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toe.
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88. Woodward's
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istor batteries in A, C
and D sizes.
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Explosive Trading On Wall Street

The market roared ahead today in explosive trading fuelled by hopes for lower oil prices.

Gainers outstripped losers by about 7 to 2 at New York.

Volume had reached 24.75 million shares with two hours to go — just a million behind the pace of Feb. 13, when activity for the full day set a record of 35.16 million.

In Washington, U.S. President Ford announced as expected at mid-afternoon that he would delay for 60 days putting into effect \$1-a-barrel oil tariff increases scheduled for this month and next.

Prices continued higher in fairly active trading today at Montreal.

Volume at 1 p.m. was 465,500 shares, compared with 283,200 shares Monday.

Canada Forges Ltd. increased by 2 1/2% to \$10 1/4, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 1 1/2% to \$26 1/2, Bank of Nova Scotia 3/4% to \$42, and Noranda Mines 1/2% to \$32 1/2.

Among speculative issues, Mount Jamieson was unchanged at 22 cents on volume of 15,000 shares.

Industrial shares remained sharply higher but other sectors at Toronto were mixed in active mid-afternoon trading today.

Advances outnumbered declines 235 to 169 with 208 issues unchanged.

Trading was halted at 11 a.m. in shares and warrants of Microsystems International the request of the company, pending an announcement. Later, the company said it plans to phase out its semiconductor and integrated circuit operations. The common

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VANCOUVER Highhawk Active

Prices were up today in light trading at Vancouver. Volume to 10 a.m. was 1,159,383 shares.

On the industrial board, Key Industries was unchanged at .09 on a volume of 12,500 shares. Canwest rose .01 to \$4.00, EDP was up .01 at .06 on 2,400 shares. Bank of British Columbia trust units was up .12 1/2 at \$13 on 1,800 shares. Venture was up .01 at .28 and Canterra was unchanged at .26.

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EARLY QUOTES

VANCOUVER 10:15 A.M. STOCKS
Following are 10:15 a.m. stock prices on a selected list of stocks provided by the Vancouver Stock Exchange. The change is from previous day's close.

Stock
Alcan 25.12
Imperial 10.12
Manitoba 10.12

Mines
Highhawk 22.22
Canwest 4.00
EDP .06

Industrial
Key Industries .09
Canterra .26
Venture .28

Oil
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100% Mortgages Seen Spurring House Sales

VANCOUVER (CP) — Residential mortgages will probably not go any lower than their present 10 per cent, says William Lindsay, new president of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver.

Lindsay said the lower mortgage rate will probably result in buying activity by people who held off making

home purchases when rates were at 12 per cent last fall.

The saving in monthly payments for principle, interest and taxes on a \$50,000 mortgage would be \$68.70, given the two per cent drop in interest rates. At 12 per cent interest the monthly payments would amount to \$515.95 while at 10 per cent this figure would drop to \$447.25. The significant factor here is that many families, previously not qualified because of low income, would now meet the Central Mort-

gage and Housing Corp.'s 30-per-cent debt service ratio.

Latest figures compiled by the real estate board show that the average residential price for the Greater Vancouver area in December was \$56,800.

Lindsay, president of Alexander Realty Co. Ltd., said the market, which was soft last fall with the high interest rates is now firming up. He said he hoped the increased activity in residential business would spill over into the industrial and commercial real estate markets.

Lindsay said Friday no decision had been made yet on a course of action by Xantrex. He said the company does not regard the investment plan as a security, and indicated that the "deputy superintendent" ruling might be appealed.

Earlier this month, the Ontario Securities Commission made a similar order against an associated company incorporated in Ontario, Xantrex Management Corp.

LONDON (AP) — Today's closing metals in pounds sterling per metric ton: silver in pence per ounce: Spot Settlement — Copper wire bar 147.25; Zinc 335.35; Lead 226.75; Tin 3,335.50; Nickel 307.50; Silver 3 months, 187.2-187.4.

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Xantrex Must File Prospectus

VANCOUVER (CP) — Bruce D. Morrison, deputy superintendent of brokers, has ordered that trading in the investment plans of the Xantrex group of companies be prohibited until the firms file, and have accepted, a prospectus relating to these plans, under the provisions of The Securities Act.

The order was made against Xantrex Marketing Corp., Xantrex Investment Corp., Xantrex Management Corp. and two officers of the firms, Brian D. F. Gibbs and Joseph N. Kolton.

The companies deal in gold and silver bullion.

A temporary order under The Securities Act was issued Oct. 8. Since then Xantrex has continued to trade in gold and silver, but not a cash basis only.

In his judgment, Morrison said he found that the investment plans offered by Xantrex are investment contracts, and hence securities within the meaning of The Securities Act.

Kolton said Friday no decision had been made yet on a course of action by Xantrex. He said the company does not regard the investment plan as a security, and indicated that the "deputy superintendent" ruling might be appealed.

Earlier this month, the Ontario Securities Commission made a similar order against an associated company incorporated in Ontario, Xantrex Management Corp.

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The British Columbia Energy Commission gives notice that an inquiry into matters concerning the production, supply, distribution, sale and pricing of propane and butane in British Columbia will commence at its Vancouver offices at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 1975. Hearings will be continued at Courtenay, Salmon Arm, Nelson and Prince George, and at other such places as may be determined by the Commission.

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LONDON (CP) — Closing stock quotations today in new prices unless indicated: x-includes dollar premium based on official rate of \$2.40 to the pound.

Associated Brit Foods 80, Anglo Am of S. Africa 24, Babcock and Wilcox 67, x-Barlow Rand 267, Beca Charrington 19, BICC 134, x-Blyvoor 950, Boots 184, Bowater 117, Brit Am Tob 200, Brit Assets Trust 210, Brit Leyland 8, Brit Oxygen 35, Brit Petroleum 42, x-Broken Hill Prop 353, x-Buffels 1915.

x-Canadian Pac 115, atg, x-Cat 115, x-Charter Cons 144, Cons Gold 248, Courtauld 99, Daggafontein 20, x-De Beers 240, Distillers 1154, x-F. S. Gold 264, Dunlop 42, BML 115, Gen Elec 1074, Glaxo 400.

Grand Metropolitan Hotels 400, Gr. Univ Str 194, Guest Keen 202, Hawker Siddeley 278, Hoover 215, x-Hudson Bay 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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Flatter Index Curve Hints Surge Cooling

By AL FORREST
Times Business Editor

Stock prices continued to rise in February but there were signs that the great market surge was cooling off. The Toronto Stock Exchange industrial index rose only 4 points in February to close the month at 183.89 after rising a record 20 points in January.

The Dow Jones continued to rise but the upward climb in February was slower than in the previous month. The Dow Jones industrial index closed at 739.05 in February, up 25.36 after rising 71.65 points the previous month.

In Toronto, metals went nowhere in February, holding at just over 66 points, after having risen from 57.86 in January.

Western oils rose only 12.90 points in February to 165.95

after surging upward by 36.70 points in January.

Only gold issues continued to soar. The Toronto gold index closed February at 420.40, up almost 50 points from 370.75. In January the gold index had climbed 20.33 points.

Trading cooled off considerably after prices hit a peak of 185.40 on the Toronto industrial board Feb. 14. Analysts said the present consolidation phase would be a prelude to more orderly increases this month.

The collapse of interest rates brought a January market surge that startled even the more optimistic forecasters. Jan. 27 was the end of the disorderly phase, according to a study by Midland Doherty Ltd.

The company points out that in the three-and-a-half weeks preceding Jan. 27, Toronto industrials rose 12 per cent and Dow Jones stocks rose 15 per cent.

Since that time, Toronto industrials have risen 3 per cent and DJ stocks 8.7 per cent. These latter increases can be sustained while the earlier pace could not.

Some price slips could be expected as the zig-zag pattern of the upward climb continues. There were no underlying factors evident that could significantly interfere with the present upward climb, although the recession continued to be a major worry.

Trading volume was down slightly in February from the previous month. Total trading on Canadian exchanges in February was 106.9 million shares worth \$588 million, down from 112.5 million shares worth \$629 million in January. There were 20 trading days in February and 22 in January.

Montreal went against the trend, with an increase of 500,000 shares during February.

All February trading was below the level of a year earlier. In February, 1974, the three Canadian exchanges handled trading of 196.6 million shares worth \$878.3 million.

Individual totals in February were 49.1 million shares worth \$421.2 million in Toronto, 43.6 million shares worth \$24.9 million in Vancouver and 14.2 million shares worth \$142.7 million in Montreal.

In February, 1974, the totals had been 84.4 million shares worth \$628 million in Toronto; 83.3 million shares worth \$62.3 million in Vancouver and 28.9 million shares worth \$189.9 million in Montreal.

DIVIDENDS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Abbey Glen Property Corp., five cents, April 17, record March 15.

British Columbia Forest Products Ltd., 25 cents, April 11, record April 11.

Canadian Salt Co. Ltd., 25 cents, March 31, record March 7.

Comtech Group International Ltd., five-cent pld., \$2.30, to cover five years of arrears, March 28, record Feb. 28.

Eddy Match Co. Ltd., 30 cents, semi-annual, March 7, record Feb. 28.

Fraser Co. Ltd., class A, 40 cents; class B, 40 cents, both payable March 28, record March 7.

Gas Metropolitan Inc., 15 cents, increase of six cents, 95¢-cent pld., \$1.375; \$5.40 pld., \$1.35, all payable March 31, record March 17.

J. Hardis and Sons Ltd., four cents, increase of two cents, March 27, record March 19.

Industrial Adhesives Ltd., 25 cents, April 30, record April 4.

MacLaren Power and Paper Co., class A, 30 cents, plus an extra of 25 cents; class B, 30 cents, plus an extra of 25 cents; class C, 25 cents, plus an extra of 25 cents; class D, 25 cents, plus an extra of 25 cents, all payable March 27, record March 7.

MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., 30 cents, March 17, record March 5.

Ministral Corp. Ltd., 12.5 cents, March 31, record March 17.

Monarch Investments Ltd., 2.5 cents, March 27, record March 14.

Nabors Drilling Ltd., 25 cents, semi-annual, increase of 12.5 cents, May 1, record April 14.

New Brunswick Telephone Co. Ltd., 25 cents, April 15, record March 20.

Northern and Central Gas Co. Ltd., first pld. first series, 65 cents, June 15, record May 30; second pld. series A, 25.5 cents, May 1, record April 16; second pld. series B, 37.5 cents, May 15, record April 30; junior pld. first series, 37.5 cents, June 30, record June 15.

Rio Algom Mines Ltd., pld., \$1.45, April 1, record March 10.

BANK WORD BLEAK

BOSTON (UPI) — The federal reserve bank has indicated today the U.S. economy is in worse shape than one of the bleakest of government indexes show.

The regional bank released a study showing an economic slide of 3 per cent from January to February and 21.7 per cent since July, 1973, when the index hit its peak of 120.4. In January it was 94.3.

The January decline on the index was nearly twice that recorded on the commerce department's index of nine leading indicators. The commerce department's July, 1973, to February composite had fallen just 14.5 per cent.

The Boston Reserve Bank said the economy appeared to be "collapsing into the steepest slide" in the 22-year history of its index.

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| Conventure | 200 | 245 | 245 | 245 |
| Conventure | 200 | 245 | 245 | 245 |
| Cord Inc. | 2350 | 510 | 910 | 6% |
| Cord Wits | 200 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Duke | 200 | 36 | 36 | 36 |
| Galveston | 1000 | 129 | 129 | 129 |
| Juke | 1000 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Lariat | 1500 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Matt | 1000 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Parkland Bf | 4000 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Shore | 2000 | 275 | 275 | 275 |
| Terra | 200 | 275 | 275 | 275 |

GOLD

MONDAY

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices Monday in U.S. dollars per ounce: London—\$187.15; Paris—\$185.44; Frankfurt—\$182.92; Zurich—\$181.75; Hong Kong—\$176.43; Beirut—\$155.90 per kilo.

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EARNINGS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

British Columbia Packers Ltd., 52 weeks ended Dec. 29, 1973, \$3,385,000, \$2.43 a share; 1974, \$3,420,000, \$13.71.

Camble Mines Ltd., year ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$4,903,000, \$1.43 a share; 1973, \$4,493,000, \$1.31.

Cambra Foods Ltd., six months ended Jan. 31, 1974, \$748,000, profit, 29.3 cents a share; 1974, \$786,000, loss, 38.8 cents.

Dynasty Explorations Ltd., year ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$10,014,000, \$3.39 a share; 1973, \$4,255,000, \$2.05.

Harlequin Enterprises Ltd., year ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$3,527,000, \$2.53 a share; 1973, \$2,737,000, \$1.87.

D.M. Howden and Co. Ltd., year ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$20,995, \$1.44 a share; 1973, \$625,940, \$1.21.

Livingston Industries Ltd., nine months ended Jan. 31, 1975, \$2,487,000, \$1.41 a share; 1974, \$1,516,000, 85 cents.

MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., year ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$20,995, \$1.44 a share; 1973, \$1,732,437, \$3.90.

MDS Health Group Ltd., 12 months ended Oct. 31, 1974, \$603,000, 27 cents a share; 1973, \$667,000, 21 cents.

Moore Corp. Ltd., year ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$72,700,000, U.S. funds, \$2.80 a share; 1973, \$54,896,000, \$1.93.

NIPCO Investment Corp. Ltd., six months ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$172,000, 12 cents a share; 1973, \$179,000, nine cents.

Quabec-Telephone, year ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$4,220,999, \$1.80 a share; 1973, \$4,728,434, \$2.08.

Royal Bank of Canada, three months ended Jan. 31, 1975, \$36,017,000, \$1.08 a share; 1974, \$30,461,000, 92 cents.

Slater Steel Industries Ltd., nine months ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$6,374,000, \$2.35 a share; 1973, \$2,681,000, 91 cents.

Walex Ltd., year ended Dec. 31, 1974, \$3,303,000, \$2.36 a share; 1973, \$1,950,000, \$1.40.

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EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A "murder school" for professional hit men operated in Detroit until it was shut down recently by police, Police Commissioner Phillip Tamm said Monday.

Tamm, speaking at a work shop on crime and violence, said the school has been out of business and all its graduates are "either in jail or dead."

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ROLLING STONE

Maybe Cher didn't leave David Geffen for Greg Allman, but that's who she went to see on the midnight plane to Georgia (Macon) on a recent Monday night. Nobody knows how this odd couple met, but they spent the better part of a week together, partying and dining out, and observers said they were holding hands at a Macon restaurant called the Bistrò over a \$35 bottle of Dom Perignon '67.

In the course of their cavortings they landed at Uncle Sam's club, where the pair leaped onstage to join Razy Bailey, and the Aquarians singing Proud Mary. Geffen has moved out of the Bono mansion into the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Both claim that they are still friends, but Geffen and Cher have definitely separated. Greg Allman has been divorced from his wife Janice since December.

While we have described the aforementioned couple as "odd," try this for size: Yoko Ono has been seen making the gallery rounds in New York with David Cassidy in tow. Ms. Ono is 17 years his senior.

Before Rod Stewart left London to embark on his American tour, his good buddy Elton John gave him a signed Rembrandt etching

TORONTO — Katherine Eckel, 17 of Regina was chosen Monday as Miss Teen Canada 1975.

First runner-up was Denise Marie-Reine Legal, 15, of Winnipeg. Renee Marie Paule Lacroix, 16, of Montreal was second runner-up and Kimberley Ann Hunter, 15, of Saint John, N.B. third runner-up.

WASHINGTON — Ronald Reagan said today he is "very frightened" that congressional investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency will imperil the lives of U.S. secret agents.

LONDON — Charlie Chaplin was formally knighted by Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace today. "I'm dumbfounded to be here," Sir Charles said in a voice that hardly rose above a hoarse whisper.

CHICAGO — President John Kennedy said he thought Richard Nixon was "mentally and once described him as a 'cheap bastard,'" a book on Kennedy released Monday recounts.

CHASKA, Minn. — Harvey Carignan was convicted Monday night of attempted murder and aggravated sodomy in an attack on a young Minneapolis woman. It could be six weeks to two months before sentencing. RCMP in British Columbia and police in the northwestern U.S. are interested in Carignan, in connection with a number of sex slayings in 1973 and 1974.

ROME — Ghanna Corgiolo, 28, placed her coins into a vending machine to get a package of cigarettes and soon had the attention of dozens of people, police and firemen. The machine failed to give her change, so Miss Corgiolo pushed her fingers up the change slot to release a trapped coin, but got stuck.

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Russell Means, a leader of the American Indian Movement occupation of Wounded Knee, was charged Monday with shooting a man with intent to kill. Martin Montleaux, was shot in the neck with a small calibre weapon Saturday night in the restroom of a bar and is in serious condition in hospital.

VANCOUVER — A former oil company employee is scheduled to get a bravery award today for his attempted rescue of a couple in an oil barge fire last summer. Rudy Sae, 22, of North Vancouver is to be presented with a silver medal and \$1,000 from the Workers' Compensation Board at the site of the attempted rescue, Gulf Oil's marine terminal in Burnaby.

NEWARK, N.J. — Lawyers for Robert Vesco have dropped their defence of a \$5.5-million lawsuit charging the fugitive financier with defrauding stockholders of International Overseas Services Ltd. in 1970 and 1971. Judge Melvin Aptoff said the case will proceed "by default."

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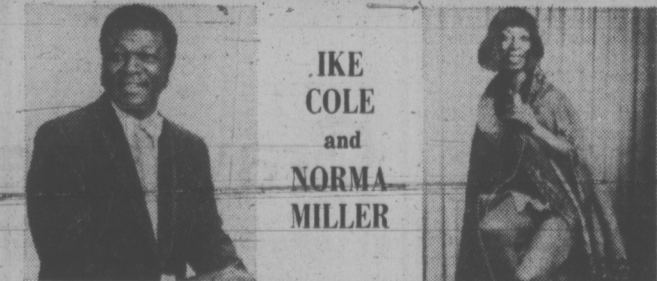
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EDMONTON — A witness who complained of harassment by the RCMP before a federal commission of inquiry into the RCMP was arrested Monday following his testimony.

John Michniuk was arrested while talking to reporters in a press room at a downtown hotel after the morning session of the hearings where he appeared and charged with possession of an offensive weapon.

Michniuk said he has been the victim of police harassment since he was refused a security clearance for a training course while serving in the Canadian army in 1958.

He had been followed by police, undercover agents had been planted in rented rooms in his home and he was harassed by police who followed him in stores and searched ciation of Greater Victoria.

JUDGE BOUNCED

LOS ANGELES — "Miniskirt Judge" Noel Cannon is under suspension from the bench. Bringing her chihuahua and a mechanical canary to court, jailing defence lawyers and threatening to perform "a .38-calibre vasectomy" on a policeman were too much for a group of her peers. The state commission on judicial qualifications lodged 25 charges of misconduct against her Monday with the state supreme court.

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Basketball: Triple Trouble on the Court

Wait until 1976 is the only answer for city basketball teams after what happened on the weekend. It was a disaster on all fronts. The Westerners went down to Vancouver Buzz Bombs in a C. women's action after giving some hope by squaring the best-of-three series Saturday. The University of Victoria Vikings didn't have the maturity they needed in the final outcome of their Canada West series against UBC, and they didn't have Dave Mulcahy, either. The Scorpions simply came up cold against what, on Sunday, was a better-balanced club, Vancouver Capitanos.

Actually, there was no disgrace in any of the losses. After all, the Vikings did win league honors and only lost by four points overall to UBC. And really, it wouldn't have taken too much for them to have won. Their big man, however, in the latter part of the regular schedule, had been Mulcahy, and with him hobbling about on a sprained ankle it just wasn't to be the Vikings' year. In both games, they did have their chances, but in the end UBC proved the steadiest.

The Westerners gave it a good try as well, but they were simply outmanned by the Buzz Bombs, who have a strong club and should be a good bet in the forthcoming Canadian championships. And the Westerners actually have a good nucleus for the future, especially if Mary Coutts decides to play another season, and Angie Dobie continues to make this her second home here in basketball season. They certainly can do much to help the youngsters along.

A Matter of Control

The biggest surprise of the weekend, however, was defeat of the Scorpions. The club had won the Dogwood League against mainland opposition rather handily, had disposed of Burnaby Broncos decisively in the semifinals after dropping the playoff opener by a single point, and then had taken a seemingly insurmountable two-game lead in the B.C. final against mainland opposition rather handily, had disposed of against the defending Canadian champions, the Capitanos, and all flights led to Winnipeg and the Canadian.

But somewhere between the first two games of the final and Sunday's fifth game, Scorpions either lost their poise, showed their immaturity as a team, forgot the word "defence", or all three, because certainly they weren't the same confident, aggressive club for the first three quarters of Sunday's game they had been earlier in the year.

Capitanos to their credit, took command almost from the opening tipoff, controlled the boards, controlled high-scoring Bob Burrows and simply never looked like losing until very late in the contest. Even then, despite the fondest dreams of the Scorpions and break-out by Burrows, the miracle just wasn't to be.

It was late in the final half the Scorpions started their charge, having trailed by as many as 23 points at one point, and although they did close the gap to within six points, it was too little, and far too late.

Maybe it was the over-all experience of the Capitanos that stood them in better stead than the Scorpions. Because they did adjust quickly in the final, hit from outside in a well-balanced attack and forced many turnovers, especially on bad passes up the middle by Scorpions.

Defence the Forgotten Art

It's true that some of the Scorpions were hurting. Chris Hall with a separated shoulder, Dave Morgan with blood poisoning and Brian MacKenzie with a pulled groin muscle, and these are regulars; and with a healthy club perhaps the fifth game might not even have been necessary. That's just how close the local team came to emulating some rather famous clubs of the past, the Dominos, Pat Bay Gremlins, Alberni Athletics, all former Island teams which went on to Canadian championships. But on this final day, Capitanos were full value for their victory.

Specifically they stopped Burrows when he had to be stopped, early, and when the Scorpion attack refused to function from outside — there was some atrocious shooting in the first half — Capitanos quickly ran up the score.

It was only in the closing stages did the usual Scorpion pressing defence cause the Capitanos problems; and why they didn't use it earlier is probably the same question they are asking themselves today. And there should be a measure of credit for Gord Hoshal too. If it hadn't been for his strong second-half shooting, seven field goals, it is doubtful if the Scorpion rally ever would have materialized. He was the one who fired the attack.

As it is, the Scorpions can look back with pride on their achievements this season, as can Vikings and Westerners, and all can look forward to better in '76. None of them are far away from their goals — berths in their respective national finals.

But now the basketball season is suddenly and surprisingly all but over. Except for the Oak Bay Bays, that is. Defending B.C. high school champs, they start defence of that honor on the Island here Thursday.

Canadian Skaters Bank on History

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (CP) — The venerable Broadmoor Arena, site of the 1975 world figure skating championships, has been a lucky spot for Canadian skaters and they're hoping history repeats itself this year.

This is the fifth time the world competition has been held at this Colorado mountain resort and Canadians have left with gold medals three of the four previous times.

Barbara Wagner and Bob Paul won the pairs here in 1957 and 1959 and Petra Burka won the women's singles gold medal in 1965.

Canadians were shut out of the golds when the championships were staged at the Broadmoor in 1969 but they figure there's a good chance to get back on the track this year.

Toller Cranston, 25, five-time Canadian champion from Toronto, came from

sixth in the compulsory figures in Munich last year to finish third with a spectacular free-skating performance.

Cranston, who has put together a completely new free-skating program and has worked hard on his figures, is everyone's favorite to win the gold medal this year but he will have to skate his best to do it.

Jan Hoffman of East Germany is not here to defend his men's crown. He underwent a knee operation in December and will miss all of this year's competitions.

Vladimir Kovalev, a 21-year-old Moscow student, became the first Soviet skater ever to win the European championship in January and is expected to be Cranston's main challenger along with European silver medalist John Curry of Britain and United States champion Gordon McKellen Jr.

Canada has two teams competing in the pairs which start tonight with the compulsory program, worth 50 per cent.

They are Candy Jones, 19, of Toronto and Don Fraser, 19, of Richmond Hill, Ont., the Canadian champions, and Cathy Hutchinson, 15, and Jamie McGrigor, 19, both of Cambridge, Ont., who finished second.

Missing will be Sandra and Val Bezic, brother-and-sister pair from Toronto who were fifth in the world last year.

Sandra, 18, is suffering from an ankle injury and she has decided to have the ankle put in a cast for a month to let it heal properly.



BACK TO WORK after winter layoff, Hank Aaron (44) takes part in agility drills at Sun City, Ariz., spring training base of his new team, Milwaukee Brewers. Also working out are Charlie Moore (22) and Sixto Lezcano (16). Aaron, moving to Brewers from Atlanta Braves, is expected to be used as a designated hitter. (AP wire-photo)

Bonus for Pete Rose: Morgan's Autograph

By The Associated Press

Most players agree that the dugout is hardly the ideal vantage point for the viewing of a baseball game. The view is obstructed and it's impossible to get a vendor's attention.

Cincinnati's Pete Rose did something about that during the off-season: He purchased two season tickets for Reds home games.

"I can complain all I want this year," Rose said Monday. "I'm a season ticket-holder."

Of course, Rose will be occupied on the field when those tickets are in use, but at least he can boo or cheer when he pleases now, just like Joe Fan.

Rose said he already had enjoyed one benefit from the purchase. "I got a set of Cincinnati Reds' mugs," he said. "They even have Joe Morgan's autograph on them."

While Rose prepared for the Reds' 1975 season at the club's Tampa, Fla., training base, baseball owners went about getting the final few autographs on contracts at a number of other training sites.

Pitchers Mike Torrez and Bob Reynolds signed with Baltimore Orioles at Miami, reducing to four the number of unsigned Baltimore players. They are catchers Andy Etchebarren and Earl Williams, second baseman Bobby Grich and outfielder Don Baylor.

First baseman Boog Powell ironed out his differences with Cleveland Indians and signed his pact with the team that acquired him recently from the Orioles. That left only one player, outfielder Oscar Gamble, unsigned for Frank Robinson's first season as Tribe manager. Gamble will not be allowed to work out with the club until he signs, a spokesman said.

One player who began workouts Monday was Henry Aaron, the all-time leading home run hitter who made his debut with Milwaukee Brewers in front of two dozen reporters and photographers.

"All I have to worry about is having a big year for the club," the 41-year-old Aaron said, adding that as Milwaukee's designated hitter he expected to bat 200 times more than last season when he hit only 20 home runs.

Outfielder Don Hahn signed with Philadelphia Phillies, while outfielder Rich Coggins already has agreed with Montreal Expos but has yet to show up at their Daytona Beach, Fla., training facility.

Expos' left-hander Dave McNally remained unsigned Monday, but Montreal manager

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Cougars Extend Streak to Five

BRANDON — Victoria Cougars used their superior size to advantage and body-checked their way to a 5-3 Western Canada Hockey League triumph over Brandon Wheat Kings before 2,968 fans Monday night at Keystone Centre here.

Cougars' third straight victory pushed their unbeaten streak to five games and moved them 11 points ahead of runner-up Medicine Hat Tigers in the Western Division race.

Body-checking paid off in the third period when Cougars managed 24 shots and three goals. The teams were tied 1-1 after the first period and Victoria held a 2-1 advantage heading into the final 20 minutes.

Mei Bridgman, Danny Lucas and Peter Morris, the league's top line, each scored once for Cougars to bring their combined season goal total to 141.

Bridgman, who also had two assists, snapped a tie with Bryan Trotter of Lethbridge Broncos for the individual points lead. The goal, his 56th of the season, was scored on a dazzling rush from the blue line.

Lucas reached the 100-point plateau with his 50th goal of the season and an assist, becoming the fifth player to join the league's 50-goal club.

Morris, perhaps, was the most delighted player on the line. His 35th goal ended a six-game scoring famine. He last scored a goal Feb. 11 when Cougars defeated Kamloops 9-2 and has scored only

one since the all-star game break in mid-January — a total of 18 games.

Don Cairns notched his 29th goal and Rick Peter his 12th to complete the Cougar scoring.

Rick Blight, Dale McMullin and Bob Mullett replied for Brandon.

Cougars played under the direction of team captain Kim Clarkson while coach Pat Ginnell was in Toronto on the league's behalf for talks with the World Hockey Association. Ginnell is expected to rejoin the club for their game against Centennials in Calgary tonight.

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six since the all-star game break in mid-January — a total of 18 games.

Don Cairns notched his 29th goal and Rick Peter his 12th to complete the Cougar scoring.

Rick Blight, Dale McMullin and Bob Mullett replied for Brandon.

Cougars played under the direction of team captain Kim Clarkson while coach Pat Ginnell was in Toronto on the league's behalf for talks with the World Hockey Association. Ginnell is expected to rejoin the club for their game against Centennials in Calgary tonight.

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Strike Forces Changes in Golf

By ERNIE FEDORUK
Times Staff

The strike involving civic employees, which has forced closure of the municipally

owned Cedar Hill course in Saanich, affected golf in another manner Monday. It prompted the Victoria District Golf Committee to re-

locate the qualifying round site of the Vancouver Island Open match-play golf championship. With the availability and condition of the Cedar Hill

course questioned, the District Committee switched the April 7 qualifying round from the municipal course to Gorge Vale. Other sites and dates of the

tournament, sponsored by CFAX Radio, remain unchanged. The first round will be played at Uplands April 13, the second at Victoria on April 20, the third round and semi-finals at Royal Colwood on April 27 and the 36-hole finals at Glen Meadows on May 4.

The District Committee, at its annual general meeting at Gorge Vale, also approved introduction of a new competition. It will be a Victoria seniors' championship tournament for golfers 55 years and older.

The event, an 18-hole medal round, will be played late in the season, possibly in September.

Also highlighting Monday's meeting was the election of Gord Millin as chairman of the District Committee.

The Royal Colwood member succeeds Al Robertson, who declined another term because of his recent election as Gorge Vale's president as well as continuing as a director of the B.C. Golf Association.

Bob Bell of Uplands was elected vice-chairman while Gorge Vale's Leo Derman returned as secretary for his 24th consecutive term. Bob Peters of Colwood was re-elected treasurer.

Committee chairmen named included: Cec Ferguson of Gorge Vale, junior development; Derek Rhys-Jones of Colwood, buttons, and Eric Wright of Gorge Vale, inter-club league.

In other business, the golf executives decided to strike up a committee to revise and modernize the District Committee's constitution.

Hoop Title To Courtenay

Courtenay Towhees can thank Dave Lee for the North Island high school boys' basketball championship they won over the weekend.

Lee, who shared most valuable player with Chris Charleson of Alberni Chieftains, scored on two foul shots with just 10 seconds remaining to give the Towhees a 55-54 win over the Chieftains in the final.

Courtney and Alberni earned the first and second berths, respectively, for the Island tournament, which starts Thursday at the University of Victoria.

Cowichan Thunderbirds won the other Island berth by defeating Nanaimo Hubsters 56-53 in the consolation game.

Selected to the all-star team were Mike Berris of Nanaimo, Mark Hogweide of Alberni, Andy Reilley of Cowichan, Lee and Charleson.

The five lower Island berths are held by Oak Bay, Mt. Douglas, Vic High, Spectrum and Belmont.

The Greater Victoria High School Boys' League released final scoring statistics Monday and Gerg McInnis of Reynolds Roadrunners won the scoring title with 241 points in 13 games for an 18.53 per-game average.

Ken Wells of Vic High was the top foulshooter, scoring on 17 of 22 attempts for a .772 average, while Esquimalt's Ben Shotton was runnerup with 26 of 34 for a .764 average.

Following are the final statistics:

| Top 20 Scorers | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| | P | Pts. | Avg. |
| Greg McInnis, Rev. | 136 | 241 | 18.53 |
| Larry Daziel, O.B. | 13 | 227 | 17.46 |
| Tom Watson, M. D. | 13 | 223 | 17.30 |
| Ben Shotton, Esq. | 13 | 222 | 17.07 |
| Shu Montgomery, Park | 13 | 214 | 16.46 |
| Gord Gunmer, Spec. | 13 | 209 | 16.08 |
| Roy Gerahy, Spec. | 13 | 201 | 15.46 |
| Dave Bayless, Duns. | 13 | 192 | 14.84 |
| Charlie Hunter, Rev. | 13 | 178 | 13.69 |
| John McManaman, M. D. | 12 | 157 | 13.08 |
| Bob Vanderford, Esq. | 8 | 100 | 12.50 |
| Steve Pascoe, O. B. | 13 | 149 | 11.46 |
| Grant Westmorland, Clar. | 13 | 139 | 10.73 |
| Greg Wilt, Duns. | 13 | 137 | 10.54 |
| Richard Griffin, Vic. | 12 | 127 | 10.58 |
| Gary Gawley, Clar. | 9 | 103 | 11.33 |
| Mike Oleink | 9 | 103 | 11.33 |
| Bruce English, Bel. | 13 | 136 | 11.33 |

Carbery's Florida Visit A Beneficial Experience

After he returned from playing the Florida winter golf circuit, Uplands' assistant Bryan Carbery had only two words to say to Cowichan's Bill Wakeham:

"You're right." Wakeham had taken the path a few years ago. As good as he is, he found some time back that tournament golf is "another world."

That's the message he tried to pass along to Bryan before Carbery joined his Victoria pal, John Morgan, in Florida. Morgan, now in his fourth season as a tourist, made some money. Carbery didn't.

No allis, and he's not sorry. "It's like Wakeham said, nobody realizes what it's like down there. And the Florida tour isn't the grand tour," said Bryan.

"First of all, it's not home-town golf. There's no one around to tell you what you're doing wrong. Then there's the pressure. If you worry before a round, you waste so much energy thinking that you're too tired to play... before you've even started."

While there were no cheques coming in, Carbery regards his Florida holiday as a great success.

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He played in 10 of the 15 tournaments that make up the Florida Winter Tour. Each offers a purse around the \$10,000 bracket. (That's total, son, not for the winner. Much, much less than the big pots on the grand tour.)

"But it's a great proving ground," explains Carbery. "You find out how to build up a pressure swing. With help from Morgan and Ed Byman (1974 Mexico Open winner), I think I learned a lot about developing a swing."

"Even if it was for just one winter, the experience is enough to make you a better club pro."

"I'm glad I went." The 26-year-old Carbery said Morgan "just about broke even" on the circuit. Morgan's best performance came in the Sugar Mill Open at New Smyrna Beach.



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He finished one stroke behind three players who tied for the lead. Morgan actually shared the lead with two holes to play but then lost a ball on the par-five 17th.

Morgan is scheduled to return to Victoria later this month and again plans to tour extensively on the Canadian circuit.

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SHORT CHIPS: District Open buttons changed hands Sunday when Colwood challengers Steve Hambleton and Bruce Palmer defeated Oak Bay's Carl Schwanke and Mike Parker at Gorge Vale... Don Norbury, who keeps avoiding me in head-to-head combat for big spring salmon, came up with a sparkling round at Glen Meadows... He fired a five-under-par 67... He had to be good because Hal Jacobsen, in the same group, came in with a two-under 70...

Also stirring things up at Glen Meadows was Bob Dallimore... He scored a hole-in-one on the 15th at the weekend... Others counting aces in recent days were Dave Gourley, on the 8th, and Doug Abbott, on the 9th, the "point" holes at Oak Bay... The plans are approved and tenders are out but Colwood is waiting for the CUPE strike to end before starting work on a new pro shop for Bill Court... And, of course, Pat Fletcher is in from Montreal for his usual mid-winter visit...

Victoria Intermediate championship, first event on the summer calendar, will open at Colwood March 22 and wind up March 23 at Gorge Vale... Deadline for entry is March 16...

DECORATORS WIN PLAYOFF BERTH

Steven's Interiors clinched the final playoff berth and ended the regular season by tripping Victoria Junior Men

St. Mike's Downs Arbutus in Opener

St. Michael's University School thumped Arbutus 35-9 in the opening match of the junior high school rugby season on Monday.

Keith Battersby led St. Michael's by scoring a try, kicking two penalty goals and making three conversions while Bob Adams added two tries.

84-64 in one of two Victoria Senior "B" Men's Basketball League games played Monday night at Royal Oak Junior High School.

League officials decided to cancel the remaining games on the schedule and start playoffs next Monday since all playoff berths have now been decided and gymnasium time is difficult to arrange because of the current strike-lockout situation.

In the other game, James Bay Athletic Association upset Hotel Douglas, 74-64.

Hotel Douglas faces JBAA at 7 p.m. and league cham-

pion London Boxing Club tackles Stevens at 8:30 p.m. in opening games of two-game, total-point, semi-final series next Monday at Royal Oak.

FINAL STANDING

| | P | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------|----|----|----|------|------|----|-----|
| Ldnn Boxing | 23 | 20 | 2 | 1838 | 1481 | 40 | |
| Hotel Douglas | 23 | 16 | 7 | 1747 | 1656 | 32 | |
| James Bay | 23 | 12 | 10 | 1503 | 1559 | 22 | |
| Stvns Interiors | 24 | 6 | 18 | 1706 | 1951 | 12 | |
| Vic Juniors | 24 | 5 | 19 | 1587 | 1553 | 10 | |

Next games: Monday — semi-final playoffs: London Boxing Club vs. Stevens, Hotel Douglas vs. James Bay, Royal Oak Junior High School.

STEVENS (84) — Bob Lee 8, Jim Cunningham 14, Rick Hunter 12, Rob Marshall 6, Rick Allen 4, Dave Hagstrom, Paul Drummond 6, Tom Carlson 20, Gary Woodburn 12, Carl Reid.

VICTORIA (64) — Jim Griffin 4, Sean Flynn 2, Doug Irving 16, Kevin Worth 8, Steve Rothwell 14, George Lomas, Thad Newman 20.

JAMES BAY (74) — Harry Hunter 15, Mike Morrill 14, Ian Lewis 4, Jon Roodbol 7, Al Martin 2, Mike Wallace 8, Tony Anderson 2, John Campbell 4, Ian Scott 10, Hans de Goede 8.

HOTEL DOUGLAS (64) — Al Huddleston 2, Corky Jossell 14, Barry Turner 2, Mike Tassie 3, John Lauvaas 22, Tom Hatcher 17, Dan Wade 4, Don Horwood.

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Incurable braggarts, we British Columbians. We just can't resist any opportunity to remind our shivering brethren in eastern Canada that we enjoy a relatively balmy — some would spell that barny — climate this side of the Rockies.

Here's a picture clipped from an Ottawa newspaper, in washed out color yet, showing Cally West of Victoria in flouncy flower girl outfit as "Miss Terrific Pacific."

Naturally she's holding a flower basket and naturally she's presenting a bunch of daffodils to an MP — in this case B.C.'s only man in the cabinet, Revenue Minister Ron Basford, all huddled up in a big black overcoat.

What a con game! We don't tell those jealous easterners that the daffs are straight out of some greenhouse, or that if Miss Terrific wore that costume here right now she'd come down with a terrific dose of 'flu in no time at all.

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Mrs. Catherine Davidson, 2665 Dalhousie, has come up with a novel suggestion for ending the current schools strike through direct provincial government intervention.

Parents, she says, should encourage their children to troop down in droves to the public gallery of the B.C. legislature, where their daily unsupervised attendance would soon grate on the powers that be.

Mrs. Davidson took her two children, ages 11 and 15, to the legislature on Monday and had the distinct impression that children are only welcome in groups supervised by teachers or parents.

"They want them to sit quietly in that gallery without nonsense," she said. "Which is pretty funny in a way because I've never seen such a bunch of idiots as those MLAs . . . banging on desks, interrupting each other and turning their backs whenever anything interesting is being said."

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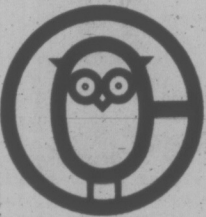
Those free car washes aren't free any more. The Uplands Gulf Service Centre and Car Wash had to end its free washes when it cut its gas price to 59.9 cents, manager Gary Whitmore said.

"We couldn't afford to give the wash away at that price," Like Tom Martin's Imperial Esso Centre across the street, he now charges \$1.50 a wash or 50 cents if the customer orders a fill-up at the gas pumps.

While no longer free, the automatic car wash is still reasonable. An inside-outside job at a regular car wash can cost as much as \$4.

No, the inside part is not a bucket of water on the upholstery. It's a thorough going-over with a vacuum cleaner.

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Who knows?

Community Information, the provincially-financed telephone service that tries to provide answers for "everything from 'Where can I watch a quito tournament?' to 'What do I do now that my unemployment benefits have run out?' has linked up with Information Canada, co-ordinator Nancy McPhee tells Town Talk. Phone 386-6326.

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Ina Tait, Howard Harman, Bonnie Mills — the Saanichton Home-School Association is looking for you.

The association is trying to round up all former teachers and pupils of the school who might still be around for a reunion May 31.

A list of some former pupils and teachers has been made, but the association wants to hear from everyone.

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The Federation of Telephone Workers of B.C. got the wrong number when it sent a letter to North Saanich council.

The letter, read at Monday's council meeting, urged aldermen to speed settlement with locked out workers.

No lockout in North Saanich — the letter was meant for Sidney.

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Maggi Lynn of Victoria, who has led clean-up exercises at the Victoria heliport garbage dump, has an ally in Saanich.

Robert Talbot of 2640 Killarney suggested to Saanich council Monday she should be made an honorary citizen of Saanich.

Talbot accused council of having "complete disregard and disdain for the rights of its citizens" in using tennis courts as garbage dumps. Mayor Ed Lum pointed out the Cadboro Bay tennis courts, which Talbot lives near and another at Reynolds, were the only ones causing problems. Reynolds residents had emulated Lynn's actions and organized their own clean-up operations, Lum added.

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The British Columbia Liberal Party is holding a reception in honor of former Victoria MP David Groos Saturday night at the Canterbury Inn and they are hoping for the same sort of success enjoyed by the Social Credit Party at its reception for leader Bill Bennett last week.

The Socreds braced for 300 at their wine and cheese party at Da Vinci Hall but 700 turned out.

Liberal organizer Carol Swankey said the turnout for Groos is expected to be between 200 and 400 — and hopefully more.

The list of prominent Liberals coming for the Groos reception is headed by National Revenue Minister Ron Basford and includes many present MPs, senators and MLAs.

A pre-reception reception is planned for 9 p.m. Friday at the Canterbury Inn.

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A somewhat negative press release has landed on Town Talk's desk, courtesy of the Australian Trade Commissioner's office in Vancouver.

It extols the virtues of the Neova, a "personal hovercraft from Australia," but only after it has already warned that the release is not for publication in — take a deep breath — Austria, Belgium, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Poland Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia, Bahrain, East Africa, Egypt, Lebanon, Malta, Mauritius, New Caledonia, Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru (sic)."

Unfortunately, this being a Pacific Island, we can tell you no more.



BOISTEROUS BOYS on Blanshard boulevard were buoyed up with bounce in Sunday's spring-like sunshine, when their antics also brought smiles to the faces of passing motorists. It seems that when

you're young in Victoria, with a winterful of cooped-up energy, happiness is three old inner tubes and a strip of soft turf alongside a busy freeway. (John McKay photo)

Engineer: Public Zone Needed at Shorelines

Owners of waterfront properties should be responsible to the public for preserving a shoreline corridor along the waterfront and river estuaries, an international expert on coastal zone resource management said today.

"A homeowner in the public interest must set his house back so many feet from a street and can't erect signs or obstacles on his front lawn," Wolf Bauer of Seattle, observed. "So a subdivision should not be allowed to interfere with a natural corridor along the waterfront."

A geologist and engineer, he addressed a Victoria Sierra Club conference on shoreline and estuary management at the Newcombe auditorium Monday. The meeting was attended by engineers, planners, foresters, realtors and conservationists.

Bauer noted that Washington leads all U.S. states and Canadian provinces on shoreline management.

CUPE Talks Resume

Regional employers and civic staff representatives were back at the bargaining table today for their third session with mediator Clark Gilmore in an effort to end an area-wide municipal strike-lockout.

Early this afternoon there had been no comment by

and bulkheads or pillings are erected to prevent erosion.

"This bluff has been providing the beach with sand," he said. "The wind and tide has also been carrying the sand down the coast and is responsible for a spit. Behind the spit may be a marsh, an important area for birds and fish."

All three areas may be ruined by interfering with the natural movement of the sand," adding, "This is not in the public interest."

either party to the dispute, now in its sixth week.

With sides occupying separate rooms off the lower concourse of the Empress Hotel, Gilmore shuttled between them, apparently pursuing a proposal which he put forward last week.

Husband Charged In Death

Twenty-one-year-old Edward Robert Nicholet of 1345 Pandora was charged in Victoria provincial court Monday with murder punishable by life imprisonment in the death of his wife Patricia Rose.

The body of Mrs. Nicholet, 18, of 2991 Austin, was found Saturday on some rocks near the high-tide mark at the foot of Barnard Street on the Victoria West-Esquamalt border.

Victoria police said the woman appeared to have died as a result of drowning.

Nicholet was remanded by Judge William Ostler to Thursday for appointment of defence lawyer.

Mrs. Nicholet's fully-clothed body was discovered by Gordon Taylor, 831 Dunsmuir, who was walking in the West Bay area.

'Happy Schoolgirl' Sues

By ROGER STONEBANKS
Times Staff

A B.C. Supreme Court action was launched Monday seeking liability and damages for a teen-age girl confined to a wheelchair as a result of a traffic accident in 1972.

Corinne Rhonda Lissell of Courtenay was 15 years old at the time "a happy schoolgirl, holding down a part-time job," Rodney Taylor, lawyer for Corinne and her father Robert, told Mr. Justice James Macdonald and a jury.

She was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by David Cox, now a 23-year-old sawmill worker living in Williams Lake, which collided with a car driven by 39-year-old logger Henry Paul, now living near Alert Bay.

Paul, driving a 1962 Mercury convertible, was making a left-hand turn into a driveway on a straight stretch of road

between Courtenay and Comox.

Currie was thrown from the motorcycle, suffered severe spinal chord damage and was paralysed from the waist down and in the left arm, Taylor told the court.

"These injuries are considered irreversible," he said.

RCMP Corp. Robert Farrell said it was "a beautiful June day" when he attended the accident shortly after noon June 13, 1972, on a ¼-mile straight section of road with a posted speed limit of 40 miles an hour.

He said he checked the turn signals on Paul's car but couldn't recall the results and notes from the time had been destroyed.

RCMP Const. Charles Caughill, off duty at the time, said he was third in a line of vehicles driving towards Comox. Paul's car was in the lead, followed by a pickup truck driven by I. D. Lloyd of Comox.

The vehicles slowed from about 40 miles an hour to 15 or 20 miles an hour and while he was slowing the motorcycle behind him pulled out to pass. Just as it was level with the pickup truck, Paul was turning left and almost made it to the driveway when the impact occurred.

The motorcycle was doing a "good, strong 40 but not an excessive speed," he said. He didn't see any signals from the Paul vehicle.

Lloyd testified he saw Paul give a hand signal about 300 feet before making the left-hand turn. "We were going very slowly."

James Mitchell, a hitchhiker passenger in Lloyd's truck, also testified he saw a hand signal given.

Paul, represented by George Kincaid of Vancouver, took the stand and said he knew as he left Courtenay the turn signal flashers weren't working because he had noticed it.

Three hundred to 400 feet before making the left-hand turn he said he put out his left hand, glanced around, but saw no motorcycle.

He had almost completed the turn when "I heard a hit and a bang."

Cox, represented by L.S.G. Finch of Vancouver, said he picked up Corinne at a Courtenay school on his 650-cc Yamaha motorcycle. He admitted he had only a learner's licence at the time, knew he wasn't permitted to carry passengers and hadn't told Corinne of this.

He said he was travelling at 40 miles an hour, the cars at 35. He pulled out to pass the three vehicles and got as far as the truck when he noticed the first vehicle making a left-hand turn. He estimated his passing speed at 45 miles an hour.

Cox said he never saw any signals from Paul and remonstrated with him about this immediately after the collision.

sion in which he said he swerved to the left and then the right to try to avoid the car.

The action continued today.

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SECOND SECTION

Aid Asked In Paying Police Bill

Saanich council by a 5-3 vote accepted a pared-down budget of close of \$2 million for police services Monday night.

The acceptance came after Ald. Mel Couveller failed in an attempt to get the budget rejected in order to challenge the government's edict that the police force be substantially increased without provincial financial help.

Couveller's motion ended in a tie vote, Ald. Bill Campbell, Ald. Mary Casillo and Ald. Roy Wotten voting with him.

Instead the council agreed to accept the budget but write a letter to the attorney general's office asking for assistance to meet the manpower guidelines laid down by the government-appointed B.C. Police Commission.

The municipality will also attempt to rally province-wide support in an effort to get more government assistance.

Letters will be sent to all councils and municipal police boards, as well as a resolution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

Couveller conceded the police board had done a good job of chopping costs. The new budget allows for 20 new policemen and one clerk instead of an original 29 extra policemen.

"But we are unable to accept this kind of tax load on Saanich taxpayers," Couveller said.

Mayor Ed Lum pointed out the actual increase in the budget was only about \$100,000, not \$300,000, because the provincial government had assumed responsibility for the \$207,000 costs of the courts and juvenile detention home.

Lum said more than 85 per cent of the police budget is for salaries (\$1,578,100), and this could increase as negotiations are completed. He said Saanich, as an example, had already offered the Canadian Union of Public Employees increases of 15.76 per cent.

Ald. Joe Bourque said even with the additional 20 policemen he was concerned the Saanich police department would still be hard-pressed to carry out essential services.

Lum said the Saanich police force strength was one man for every 850 residents, compared to the city's one man for every 480 people. Even with the 20 additional men, Lum said, Saanich would still only have a ratio of one man to every 750 people, instead of the \$50 set down by the B.C. Police Commission.

Cocke Sees Sale 'Ploy'

Health Minister Dennis Cocke said Monday he suspects Aberdeen private hospital may not be closing and its owner is simply using a "business ploy."

The government is concerned about 77 patients who could be displaced if the hospital closes, said Cocke, but necessary arrangements will be made if that occurs.

Cocke said he is negotiating with hospital owner Neil De Macedo for purchase of the 10-year-old institution and he says he suspects the owner is using a "business ploy" to assist in getting the kind of deal the owner would like to get.

The hospital has been for sale for more than a year with an asking price of \$1.5 million. De Macedo said the government has never produced a reasonable offer.

Cocke told the legislature it would be "a little bit unbusinesslike" to disclose the state of negotiations with Aberdeen and would not say if any definite offers have been made to De Macedo.

The owner announced this weekend the hospital will close within three months, leaving 77 elderly and ailing patients as well as 16 residents of the Hillside Retirement Lodge without accommodation.

Blue Book Directs Disabled

A little blue handbook has become a real help for the active handicapped.

Published by the city's Jaycee-Ettes, it lists 100 buildings and details of their accessibility for disabled people travelling alone and for those with a helping hand nearby.

Eight theatres are listed and none has washrooms fully accessible to the wheelchair-bound.

Churches do well in comparison. Five of 14 listed have washrooms accessible to the unassisted person in a wheelchair.

Christ Church Cathedral, St. Joseph's Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Free Methodist Church and the Unitarian Church have easy-to-enter washrooms.

Not all have such easy-to-enter main doorways.

The booklet lists a cross-section of apartments, banks, barber shops, government buildings, restaurants, postal stations and other service buildings and judges ease of entrance.

trance, proximity of parking and other factors to each building.

It's the only booklet of its kind in Victoria, says Jaycee-Ette vice-president Sue Beauregard.

Volunteers surveyed the buildings, with help from an architect who laid out criteria for the survey.

Of 23 banks listed only one — the Bank of Montreal's Douglas Street branch — has an entrance inaccessible for a wheelchair.

The building housing B.C. Hospital Insurance, one of two government medical buildings listed, is also inaccessible without help.

From the Racquet Club to Holyrood House to Le Coq Au Vin, most of Victoria's heavily-used buildings are listed in the handbook.

Copies can be obtained free at three locations: the office of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, 3880 Quadra; Worker's Compensation Board Office, 1581 Hillside; and the Arthritis and Rheumatism Society office, 63 Gorge Rd.

All three buildings are totally accessible to the disabled.



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Baillergeon, education student at University of Victoria. Da Vinci's genius is on view in display of his models at the university's library. Free exhibitions will be here about two weeks.



dear abby Annulment Grounds

DEAR ABBY: I have been married (in name only) for five years. I was a lonely divorcee (age 47) and John was a well-to-do widower (60) when we were married.

The first night we were married I found out that he had no desire for sex whatsoever. He was impotent. I know it's not his fault, but he should

have told me. (He later said he was afraid he'd lose me.) We had everything a happily married couple could want. A lovely home, friends, trips, and I can't say I wasn't living a good life, although I missed the physical side of marriage some.

Now I have met a wonderful man. He is my age (52) and it was skyrockets and Roman candles the first time we were alone together. We're in love and want to get married, but I hate to hurt John.

Would it be wrong to leave John and grab what little happiness is left in life? — In Love.

DEAR IN: If you want to justify leaving your husband, the fact that he didn't tell you about his impotence is sufficient. (That's probably grounds for an annulment.) Trying to keep your love a secret will be like trying to smuggle down past a rooster. You'd better tell your husband before he tells you.

DEAR ABBY: Maybe I can help settle the controversy, "do fish feel pain?" They certainly do! — Sincerely, Louis C. Fish.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married for 18 years to a fellow, who, for the most part, is a marvelous husband, father, lover and provider. His job keeps him away from home quite a bit, so when he's in town, I enjoy having the house nice for him, cooking the meals he likes, and keeping myself up. The kids and I look forward to his coming home in the evening.

Now, the problem: If something comes up, like meeting with the boys after work, or something related to his work, he doesn't think it's necessary to call and let me know he'll not be home for dinner. He feels that phoning makes him

less of a "man." Needless to say, when he doesn't phone, I become angry. When I ask him why he couldn't at least have phoned to let me know, he says he doesn't want to be heckled.

This is getting to me, Abby. Am I asking too much? Any suggestions as to how I can handle this? — Trying Hard.

DEAR TRYING: If your husband thinks a call to say he will not be home for dinner qualifies him for the heckled flock, he's got his birds mixed up. He's a silly goose.

DEAR ABBY: I need your advice on a problem. My in-laws have a habit of coming to visit us without giving us any advance notice. They live seven hours from us by car and come for as long as three to five days.

Last week they surprised us with a five-day visit. I was in the middle of a garage sale, and had been up every night that week with a sick child. I was exhausted even before they came.

Abby, I love company, but I would like a little notice so I will have a clean house and meals planned in advance. As it was, I had to rush to the grocery store and make do. I was unprepared and terribly embarrassed.

My husband says his folks aren't "company," and I shouldn't feel that I have to put on airs for them, but I still think I should be given a little notice. Who is right? — Hates Surprises.

DEAR HATES: You are. Write to your in-laws and tell them how much you enjoyed their visit. Then tactfully tell them that next time they decide to come, to please let you know because you want everything to be at its best. Yourself included.

Tough Road For Mother On Welfare

TORONTO (CP) — Ruth Lariviere, 23, who has four young children, says she dislikes being on welfare but that drawing welfare benefits is better than working on a minimum-wage job.

"You don't have anything on welfare," Mrs. Lariviere said in an interview. "They don't give you enough to live on and you have no independence."

She said she hopes Canada Manpower will train her so she can work at a job that pays more than the minimum wage.

Mrs. Lariviere, who has a Grade 9 education and no skills, said the father of her children deserted her just before last Christmas when they lived in Montreal.

She was one year old and her mother was pregnant when her father deserted them. Later on, she quit school to help look after her four young half-brothers and sisters.

The family lived on welfare and her clothes embarrassed her.

"You have second-hand clothes or clothes people give you," she said. "You don't have things of your own."

She said she has had herself sterilized because she is determined that her children will have an education.

"Four is enough to raise. I don't want to drill into them that they have to go to college but if one of them has the brains and wants to go, I want to have the money to send him."

The worst day of her life was when the food ran out and the children were hungry.

She had nine potatoes and, by borrowing a dime, managed to gather enough change to buy a loaf of bread. The children were given potato sandwiches.

She moved to Toronto and eventually called the Children's Aid Society, which arranged accommodation for the family.

To put a life together for herself and her sons, she needs a place to live, furnishings, job training, day care for the smaller children and money to feed them.

Free for the Asking

By HARRIET HART

The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs employs a team of scientists whose task it is to administer the Hazardous Products Act.

The leaflet "A Watchdog with Teeth" ("Loi énergétique") explains that the Act consists of 15 clauses, several of which relate to criminal seizure and penalties.

Items which may not be advertised, sold or imported into Canada include children's toys that make noise beyond 100 decibels at a distance they would normally be from a child's ear. Also prohibited are kite strings made of a material that conducts electricity, as well as teethers, soothers or pacifiers for babies which have a filling containing a viable micro-organism.

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2 Rooms a Little Crowded In Saigon Girls' House

By JEREMY TOYE

SAIGON (Reuters) — Elizabeth Thomas, a 23-year-old nurse from England, sits in her tiny Saigon home and dreams of a house in the country where she and the 17 former street girls, 25 urchins and two babies who live with her would have a little more space.

For the blue-walled rooms of her two adjoining cottages in a poor district of the city, where she runs her Girls' House, as it is known, get a little crowded when everyone is home.

A two-year-old boy toddles

into a room full of children, and the young nurse recalls how he could not move his legs when he was first brought to her suffering from acute malnutrition.

The 13-year-old girl sitting quietly in the corner was brought to her by a man who found her working as a prostitute.

Two babies, one pale and desperately thin, suck their thumbs among a remarkably healthy-looking group of children; while the older girls prepare lunch in the bare kitchen.

The atmosphere is noisy

and cheerful, and the English girl with swept-back hair and gingham blouse looks as much at home as anyone else.

Miss Thomas has been operating Girls' House for almost a year, supported by funds from a largely American-backed charity, the Shoe-shine Boys' Foundation.

She came to Saigon from London three years ago to work in an orphanage on behalf of a British charity.

"I had wanted to come to Vietnam since I was 14," she said.

After a year, she left the orphanage to work in a local hospital. In her spare time, she started taking an interest in Saigon's innumerable down-and-outs, visiting adults in jail and youngsters in a detention centre.

Among the street urchins at the detention centre were a number of teen-age girls who had been drawn into the underworld of bars, brothels and drug parlors. Miss Thomas decided to give eight of them a home.

Helped by the shoeshine boys' group and Rev. Luong Tan Hoang, who runs a string of boys' homes, she moved into a two-roomed, single-

storey house with her waits in February last year.

But as the girls settled down to their housekeeping, some of their families began to miss the cash they used to bring home.

So the girls brought younger brothers and sisters to share their floor space. There are now groups of four and five from the same family.

Miss Thomas also offered places to the children of adults she met in jail. "We were packed in like sardines," she said, before taking over the house next door last August.

Some of the 33 teen-age girls who have lived there have moved on. Another has just announced she is getting married. But others stay.

With Miss Thomas handling the medical side and the book-keeping—her costs run at around 300,000 piastres (\$460) a month—the girls organize the home.

Because of their background, they are naturally tough. But the young English nurse said she has never had any trouble and the ultimate idea is for some of them to run homes of their own.

Men's Earnings Double Women's

OTTAWA (CP) — Results of a special survey by Statistics Canada showed earnings of women in financial institutions and insurance and real estate companies were almost half those of men on average, the agency reports.

Average hourly earnings for men were \$5.76 and for women \$3.25 and average weekly earnings for men were \$33.5 per cent higher.

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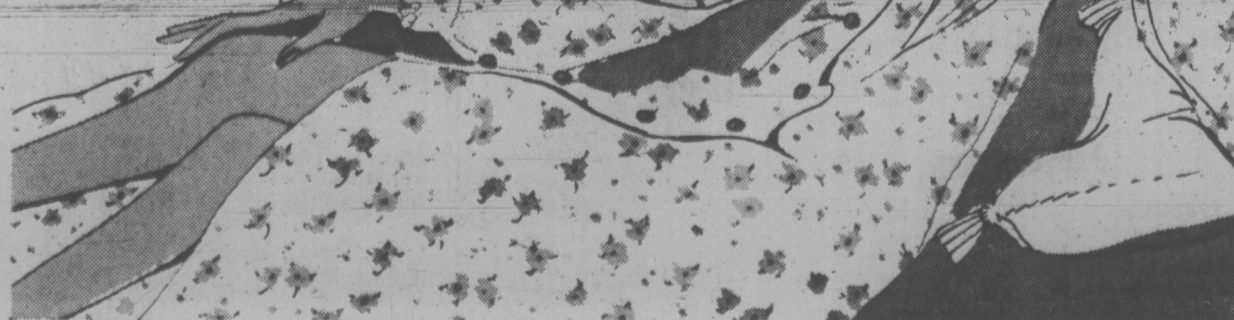


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Alvarez-Welch Medical Report

By DR. WALTER C. ALVAREZ

In "Modern Medicine of England" is the abstract of an article by C. M. Parkes and R. J. Brown of London, who say that bereavement does not permanently impair physical or mental health in widows or widowers, but it can contribute to ill health during the first year after a loved one's death.

In many cases, bereavement brought the person many days of sickness in bed, sleeplessness, admission to a hospital, or an increased consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or a tranquillizing drug. Some of the persons suffered with depression, restlessness, trouble in making decisions, and a sense of strain.

Fifty-nine of the bereaved were followed up for from two to four years, and curiously,

the widows tended to get well before the widowers did. The bereaved persons tended to feel disengaged from social life and world affairs.

LOW BACK PAIN

Of late, there are notes in medical journals to the effect that hypodermic injection of chymopapain into a painful intravertebral spinal disc will sometimes give relief. Much of this work has been done by Dr. C. Edmond Graham of Australia. The doctor has been using this technique for 10 years.

Of the 90 patients treated, 25 were in excellent shape; 36 had had good results, and the rest were not helped. The medicine so narrowed the discs that the neighboring two vertebrae could come close together.

I have heard that the extract of the papaya fruit has a

digestant and a softening action.

DIVORCE DISTRESSES

Norman Sheresky and Marya Mannes wrote a book called "Uncoupling: The Art of Coming Apart" (Viking Press). The writers say that about half of U.S. marriages now end in divorce. In one state, the number has been 833 in 1,000; in another state it was 168 in 1,000.

Divorce is usually cruel or painful, and it can be hard on the children when they lose their home. Sometimes, when the husband is not honest enough or sufficiently endowed money, or won't pay alimony or money for the care and education of children, then the poor wife and children are in trouble.

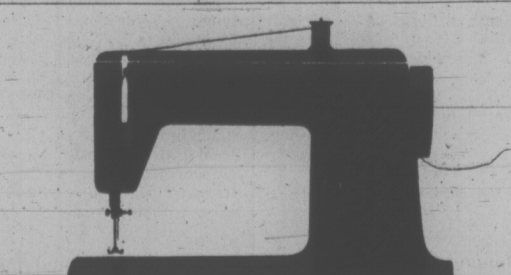
One very intelligent lad, when friends told him they wished that his parents could have remained together longer if only just to maintain a home for him, said, "No: I felt I was living on a powder keg, likely to explode any minute, and so I am more comfortable living with my grandmother."

DIABETES

As most of us know, when a disease is inherited, it is very likely to attack both of two identical twins who were made from one ovum. A good way of finding whether or not a disease is inherited is to see if, in a high percentage of cases, when one identical twin has it, the other twin also has it.

In that great journal, the "London Lancet" (2:1120-1125, 1972), Dr. R. B. Tattersall and D. A. Pyke of London say that of 96 pairs of identical twins, 65 were concordant (both diabetic) and 31 were discordant (meaning that only one twin was diabetic). In twins in whom diabetes developed after age 40 almost all pairs were concordant, and in such cases a family history of diabetes was common; in the cases of discordant twins, a family history of diabetes was rare.

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Broker Helps With Grocery List

NEW YORK (NYT) — Last October, Barbara, Saslaw Dixon decided not to buy salad oil for a while; Soybean futures were selling at the

Chicago Board of Trade for the unusually high price of almost 50 cents a pound. As her reserves at home dwindled, Mrs. Dixon kept her

eye on the futures market and watched the prices slip down to the 40-cent-per-pound range in December and January and this month down into the mid-20's. Now she is about ready to replenish her supply.

A commodities broker at Shearson Hayden Stone, Inc., Mrs. Dixon keys her weekly shopping list to what's going on in the frenetic mercantile exchanges, where millions of pounds of such staples as pork bellies, cattle, broilers, soybeans, eggs, cocoa, sugar and frozen orange juice change hands — on paper at least — every day.

During the workday, she may be advising clients to buy pork bellies; on Saturday, she is likely to buy the bacon that comes from those pork bellies to stock her own larder.

She uses her professional insight to keep her food budget down to about \$20 to \$25 a week. The shopper need not know the difference between a long position and a short one, to be able to make the same predictions.

"Most of the things we trade here are directly related to what we eat," she said the other day as she watched the giant board in her office

that records commodity transactions. "It involves simply anticipating and longer-range planning."

Watching the futures prices — by checking newspaper tables every day — you know which direction the wholesale prices are going.

But all those little numbers — What do they mean to the shopper who is not buying wheat by the ton but bread by the loaf?

Look at the top line under each commodity heading; that's the one that most closely approximates prices at actual delivery date. Then you look at the closing price and the previous price on that line and you can see whether it's going up or down.

"Cut it out or write it down at first. Within a few weeks, you'll develop an instinctive feeling for it," she said.

But how soon will a downward trend be reflected on the supermarket shelf? "In about four to eight weeks," she answered. "If wheat prices seem to be going down, then you know that in four to eight weeks, crackers, bread, pasta and cookies will be down; sometimes specials and sales

will confirm what you've been expecting."

Right now, wheat hasn't gone down far enough to satisfy Mrs. Dixon, so she's been using potatoes for starches.

An American history major at Vassar College, class of '69, Mrs. Dixon went into the brokerage business "because I didn't want a job on Madison Avenue where all I would meet would be lots of girls like me." She started out as a secretary at Hayden Stone in May, 1970, and within six months was a licensed broker.

Besides daily checks of the commodities prices, she advises reading newspaper stories on the market and statistical reports. "They indicate current supplies and planting and breeding intentions. For instance, if the broiler hatch is down, then you can expect that in three months, poultry prices will rise."

Mrs. Dixon advises shoppers to become sensitive to such factors as harvesting seasons and climate changes that sharply affect prices. "Every fall, there are lots of specials on canned tomato products because the tomato season ends then," she said.



WHILE retailers cringe from a coin shortage, 12-year-old David Etherington, a Toronto bank executive's son, runs some of the 6,000 pennies he's collected through his fingers. Kept in his piggy bank, the coins weighed 40 pounds and made a fine doorstop. Now, they'll go toward the cost of a 10-speed bike.

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Lead Level Still Concerns Gov't

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian data show lower lead levels in canned baby fruit juices and milk than comparable United States figures but there is no reason to be complacent, a senior health department official says.

Dr. A. B. Morrison, assistant deputy minister of health protection, said the government is concerned about the total intake of lead by persons and is to meet with container manufacturers in the next few weeks to discuss the issue.

A survey by the Health Research Group, an organization led by U.S. consumer advocate Ralph Nader, found lead levels in evaporated milk and fruit juice that is twice the safe level.

The group urged the U.S. government to crack down on lead in liquids which could put children in jeopardy of lead poisoning.

Dr. Morrison said there was a general problem of high lead levels in the over-all Canadian diet. The government was surveying both fruit juices and milk, he added.

"There is a need for constant surveillance and vigilance," he said.

In fruit juices, the lead content in Canada was about 60 micrograms of lead per litre — 1.76 pints — Dr. Morrison said. The U.S. study found lead levels ranging from 100 to 1,180 micrograms per litre while apple juice averaged 490 micrograms and orange juice 190 micrograms.

There is natural lead occurring in foods. Fresh cow's milk contained 45 micrograms, Dr. Morrison said, about one-third of that found in evaporated milk.

The rest comes from the solder used to seal metal food and drink containers.

'NOBODY LEFT BUT US' FOR YOUTHS

VANCOUVER (CP) — "Horror stories" about juvenile delinquents will decline only if the total community becomes involved in providing positive alternative programs for young offenders, a member of the British Columbia Police Commission says.

Commissioner Bob Burrows, also a United Church minister, told the 27th annual

general meeting of the B.C. Borsal Association the answer to juvenile problems lies not with politicians, but with schools, social agencies, churches and policemen.

"There isn't anybody left but us," he said.

Burrows said that visits by police commission members to about 40 B.C. communities showed that juveniles were the paramount problem in each centre.

But, he emphasized, there is

a need for changes in attitude on the part of both the public and police that young offenders can be most effectively dealt with by the community and not by locking them up.

Burrows cited a case about 10 years ago in remote Alert Bay, where he worked as a minister.

In one year alone, 47 juveniles were sent to the Brannan Lake Boys' School (now called the Island Youth Centre), he said.

Burly, Back-Tined Tiller Gardener's Helper

By JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH

Inflation. Recession. Unemployment. Rising prices. Unnecessary chemicals in the "store bought" food we eat. For these and other reasons, growing numbers of U.S. and Canada citizens are now leaving the cities for the country, ripping up vacant lots for community gardens, setting out "a few rows of vegetables" in the backyard.

And, all too often, those first-time farmers and gardeners let their enthusiasm run away with them when it comes to tractors, gasoline and electric-driven lawn mowers, and other power equipment. The current generation of North Americans, it seems, somehow feels that radishes and rutabagas respond better to people who control large machines.

Well, that's not necessarily true. On the other hand, there's no denying that the right piece of equipment, properly handled, can save a tremendous amount of the drudgery that is often associated with working the soil. And, in a great number of

cases, that "right" piece of machinery need be nothing more than a ruggedly built rototiller.

Forget the tiny little three-h.p. models with the tines on the front. They haven't got enough hair on their chests to do much more than stir soil which has already been plowed, but they will — due to their "backward" design — shake your gizzard out on even such mild jobs.

What you want is a big, burly, 6- to 8-h.p. tiller that has its tines in back — where they belong! Such a nonsense machine costs a good buck, but it's worth the price. You can use it to turn compost into your garden, pulverize sod, or cultivate close around the most delicate plants in the vegetable patch. Through it all your husky, rear-tined tiller will behave like a gentleman while you steer the machine with one hand. There will be — for all practical purposes — no "bucking," no "lugging" down, no "choking up" to slow or stop you.

Furthermore, the kind of ro-

MOTHER EARTH NEWS

totiller I'm talking about can do far more than just cultivate the garden... as Monte Burch — who lives down in Humansville, Missouri — recently learned. Monte and his wife bought an 85-acre Ozark hill farm a while back and the first piece of power equipment they purchased for the place was a heavy-duty, 6-h.p. tiller (with rear-mounted tines). It proved to be a wise investment.

As Burch says, "Once the tiller had finished turning over the abandoned, weed-infested gardens on our homestead, I began to try it on all sorts of other chores and found that it handled them well."

One of those "other chores" involved the old barn on the farm Monte had just bought. The former owner of the building had let his farm animals fill the structure with a layer of manure several feet

thick... and then he'd simply abandoned the building. By the time Burch tried to clean the barn, he found its contents as dry and as hard as wood. When he tried to break up the layers of waste with a pick, the tool point just bounced off the solid sheets.

"Then I got a brainstorm," Monte says. "I moved the tiller into the barn, set it to cut fairly shallow, and started the engine. It worked! The vigorous digging broke the slabs of manure into small chunks which my wife and I then shoveled into a wheelbarrow and fed to our hungry soul."

Burch next pressed his rototiller into digging postholes when he built a fence across a particularly rocky section of his farm. "There was just no way I could dig a hole in the hard-baked clay," he says, "until I placed the tiller where I wanted a hole, left

the machine out of gear in free-roll position, shoved the depth regulator into its deepest setting, and let the tines scramble away. The tiller then rapidly wallowed out the beginnings of a post-hole through what seemed like millions of stones. This saved me a great deal of hard shovelling."

In much the same manner, Monte soon used his rototiller to excavate "basket-sized" holes in which his wife planted 12 fruit trees. And then when he discovered some of the accessories that were available for the machine, he really began to put the tiller to work.

"One great addition," he says, "is a furrowing attachment. It's generally used to cut rows for corn, tomatoes, potatoes, etc., but it'll also dig drainage and irrigation ditches, open up wet spots for more rapid drying, form compost trenches alongside crops, and help you terrace a hillside garden."

Another gadget Burch thinks a lot of is the miniature dozer blade which fits onto his tiller. He uses it to plow snow

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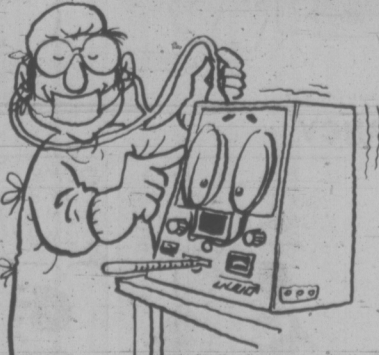
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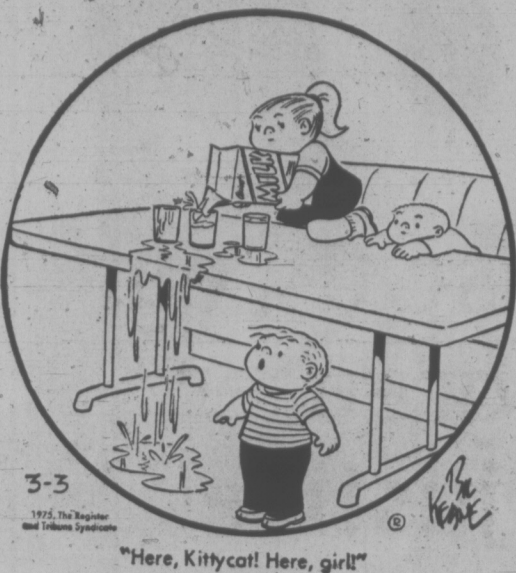
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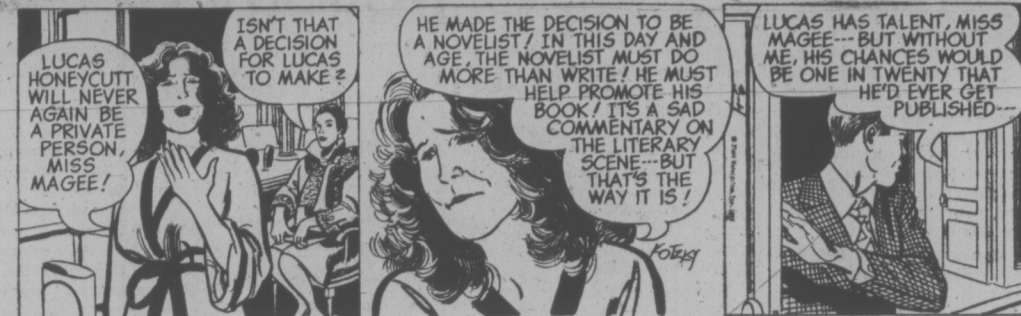
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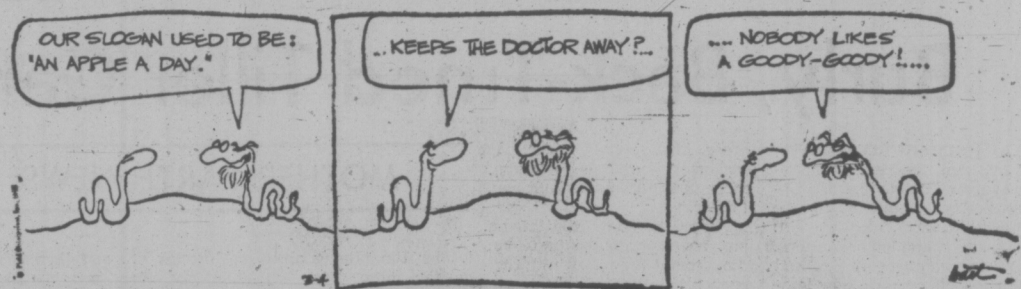
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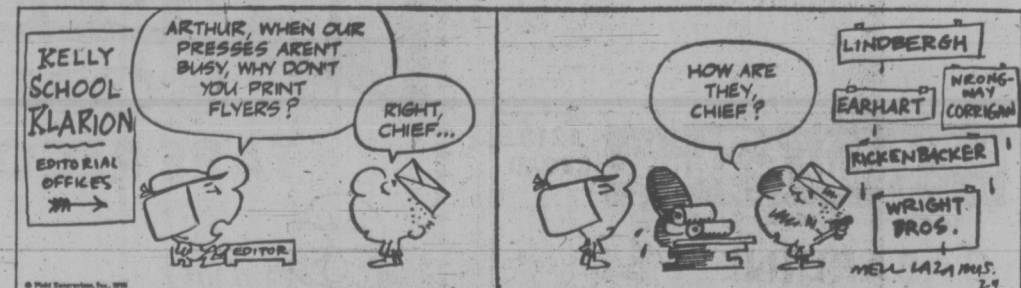
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The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

In the great majority of deals the best opening lead that one can make is in his partner's suit. But, at times exceptions arise. When today's deal was played, our West defender could have made the safe, orthodox lead in his partner's bid suit. But his "ear" told him that there figured to be a better lead. Having the courage of his conviction, he spurned the normal lead. East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K J 8 7 4
♥ J 8
♦ 6 2
♣ K 10 7 6
EAST
♠ A Q 10
♥ 10 7 5 3
♦ A Q J 10 5
♣ A Q 4
SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 6
♥ K 9 4
♦ J 9 8 5 2
The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♣
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
5 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠.

Had West led a diamond, his partner's bid suit, East would have won the trick with his ace. He would then have returned a diamond to South's king.

Declarer would next have

led the club jack, and assuming that West played low, he would probably have finessed against the queen. With the jack winning, another club would be led, and all West could ever make would be his ace. Later on South would ruff out his losing diamond.

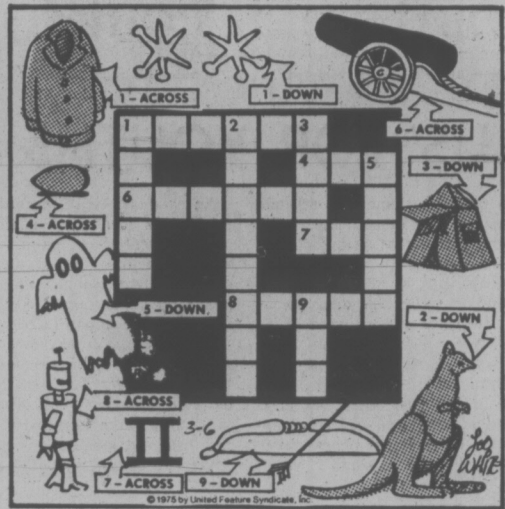
But, based on the bidding, West concluded that dummy was short in hearts. With a view towards reducing dummy's ruffing ability West opened the ace of clubs! To trick two he led the club four. Declarer now had to guess whether the adversely-held trumps were divided 2-2, or whether West had started with the A-Q-4.

He finally decided that they were probably divided 2-2. So he put up the king, hoping to catch the queen. Thus he ended up losing two trump tricks and one diamond.

Actually, West's opening lead of the trump ace couldn't really have been costly to him. If, when dummy came into view, the king of trumps were not in evidence, West would discontinue playing trumps, since his remaining guarded queen (Q-4) would be a sure winner. But when dummy was put down, containing the king, West recognized that his queen was (and always had been) "finessable."

The continuation of the four of trumps at trick two actually was not directed towards cutting down dummy's ruffing power, but rather towards talking declarer out of finessing against the queen. As has been observed, West succeeded in his objective.

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE



ANSWERS: Across 1. JACKET, 4. EGG, 6. CANNON, 7. TWIN, 8. ROBOT, 9. BOY, 10. KANGAROO.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast for Wednesday, March 5

By SYDNEY OMARR

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Dilemma could exist whether to go or remain. Key is to check details, to become familiar with basics, to review various factors. Specifically, you receive call or letter which feeds ego. Your confidence grows — you come alive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Friends and money may, for once, actually mix. You get involved personally and in business sense. Special tip is received — follow through. You could gain access to privileged information. Gemini, Virgo could be involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): lie low — play waiting game. Accent is on contractual obligations, duty, opportunity for advancement and reconciliation of differences with family. Harmony and diplomacy combine — know it and refuse to force issues.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Light touch saves the day. Study Gemini message for valid hints. Pisces, Virgo persons figure prominently. Health improves as some work pressure is removed. Individual who has traveled will pay you meaningful compliment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Involvement is keynoted and member of opposite sex figures prominently. Change, travel, variety are featured. You are rewarded, given more authority and you "ride into sea of complications." Means success is not easy. You discover that now as some of your desires materialize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You seem to run into roadblocks. That's because you apparently insist on hanging on to outmoded procedures. Key now is to plunge into future instead of wallowing in past. Aries, Libra individuals are in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Relatives may make demands. This merely is a testing procedure. Key is to adhere to principles. Those who worked with you or served

you will come through and you will be vindicated. Know it and don't give up the ship. Idea bears fruit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Consolidate cash and efforts. Don't scatter forces. Play cards close to chest and be deliberate. Keep poker face. Don't reveal all you know. Hunch pays dividends — if you persist. Keep the faith. Refuse to be dissuaded by those who are envious and lack imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your ability to transcend barriers, limitations is spotlighted. You see beyond what appears to be a wall. Cycle is such that your creative processes are stimulated. Leo, Aquarius are in picture. Property you own may be worth more than is currently estimated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What appears to be a "locked in" situation may be temporary. Know it and refuse to cash in chips. You are due for comeback. Secret discussions have been aimed at reinforcing your position. Keep the faith!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Friends are fine until they begin making promises. Know it and be skeptical in enlightened way. Gemini, Libra and Virgo persons are in picture. You're due for financial improvement. Know it and act in manner that exudes confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What appeared a setback will be boomerang in your favor. Element of luck or timing is on your side. Family member, who made pugnacious claims, comes back into fold. Your standing is elevated. Views are vindicated. Taurus, Libra persons figure prominently.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are dynamic, literate, capable of expressing yourself through written word. Gemini, Virgo persons play important roles in your life. May should be your most important month of 1975. You are creative, restless and love to move, travel, test, challenge. You are not easy to understand but you insist on trying to understand everyone else.

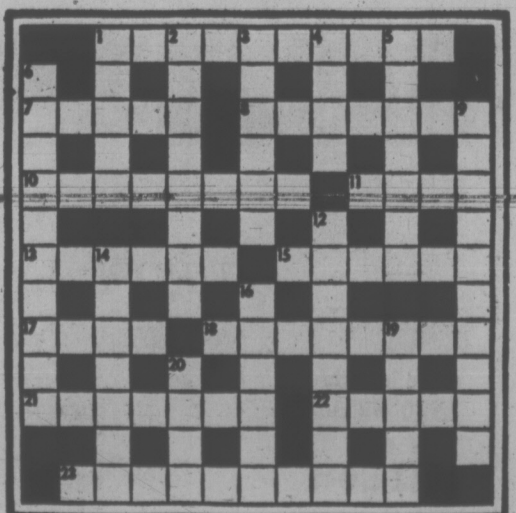
FUN WITH FIGURES

By J. A. H. HUNTER

Each distinct letter in this addition stands for a particular but different digit. You can surely see what digit the letter G must represent. Then what about the letters O and D? So get the value of that GONG.

DAD
GOT
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GONG

(Answer tomorrow)
Yesterday's answer: Katie, 29 years old.



SOLUTION WEDNESDAY

"Our budget for the 1975-1976 fiscal year has been designed to achieve greater economic equality and social justice in British Columbia."

"This budget is a job security budget. It contains new programs and initiatives; new and improved services for our citizens. This job security budget provides expenditures to maintain and increase employment throughout the economy of British Columbia."

A Job Security Budget

The budgetary expenditures for 1975-1976 will be made with people in mind. Expenditures will be made to maintain present job levels and increase employment in the province while also providing meaningful additions to the quality of life. This budget deals with programs to construct new schools, hospitals, low and middle income housing, highways, and homes for our senior citizens. This budget will provide for special employment programs for workers in the forestry sector, public works building construction, summer employment programs for our younger citizens, shipbuilding in our local yards, community and recreational construction programs and much more.



A Municipalities Budget

In an historic revenue sharing arrangement between the municipalities and the province, with respect to revenue from natural gas exports, one-third of the net revenue produced from an export price over \$1.00 of our natural gas (taking into account our federal tax rebate system, and other expenses) will flow to the municipalities in British Columbia. For example, if the new export price of natural gas is set at \$1.50 per mcf, the municipalities would receive roughly an additional \$20 million annually. At \$2.00 per mcf (the competitive value of the fuel), the municipalities would receive roughly \$40 million, which is equivalent to an additional \$20.00 per capita payment.

In addition, the provincial government intends to make additional per capita grant payments to the municipalities this year and next, in order to ensure that the per capita grant program is kept up to date. Total per capita payments to municipalities in the coming fiscal year will total over \$70 million—almost \$7 million of this is a result of the new provincial policy.

A Fair Taxes Budget

Again this year, there will be no general increases in



personal income or sales taxes for the citizens of British Columbia. Each homeowner and family farmer will receive the benefits of a doubling of the limits of the school tax removal program. The maximum reduction last year was \$40. This year it will be \$80. This is in addition to the \$200 homeowner grant.

Assistance to renters in 1975 will be provided through a new RENTER TAX CREDIT Program. Credits of up to \$100 will be paid to eligible renters on low and moderate incomes.

The rate of provincial corporate income tax for small businesses will decrease to an effective rate of 10%, while the provincial rate for large corporations will increase from 12% to 13%.

An Elderly Citizens Budget

Under the HOMEOWNER GRANT program, elderly citizens will continue to receive the extra \$50 payment, for a total grant of \$250. The budget includes a minimum \$80 payment under the RENTER TAX CREDIT program for those aged 65 and over. The budget also proposes to continue the RENTERS RESOURCE GRANT for 1975 for those aged 65 and over. This means that two payments of \$80 (or more) for 1975 will be made to this group. The additional payment is designed to ease the transition to the new income-related program, by providing greater assistance to the elderly who are often the most severely affected by inflation—those people on fixed incomes. Additional funds will be provided to Mincome, Adult Care, Homemakers Programs and Pharmacare to increase the scope of these innovative programs. Furthermore, a special emphasis will be placed on providing additional housing for our senior citizens.

A Social Progress Budget

\$122 million will be provided to the Mincome fund for our 128,000 citizens, aged 60 or over. Child maintenance care and special services will receive an additional \$13 million this year. An additional \$102.5 million over last year will be provided to continue the upgrading of the province's hospitals and medical care. Total expenditures for these programs will rise to over \$587 million in 1975-76.

B.C. shipyards and marine construction concerns will benefit from \$40 million to further the growth and service capabilities of our B.C. ferry system. A centralized ferry telephone information system will be launched this spring.



One of the most dramatic expenditures will be in the field of education. Increased grants to schools and reduced homeowner school taxes, additions to university operating grants, student scholarships and bursaries, college, technical and vocational school construction will account for an additional \$64.6 million of this year's budget over last year.

An important revolution in our educational system is the dramatic increase in the number of part-time students. This trend has been encouraged by government funding. Funds will again be made available to enable our educational institutions to respond to the needs of their students and of society. One such need is illustrated by the 5-fold increase in funding for student aid and teacher training scholarships since 1972/73.

A Families Budget

The budget for 1975-1976 places a high priority on housing. The Department of Housing will be actively involved in building projects for senior citizens, as well as supporting the activities of non-profit housing societies.

Another area of concentration will be the accessibility of rental accommodation for families with children. An aggressive land servicing policy, new community planning and development, and the servicing of Crown land for sale or lease to private individuals will facilitate this growth of housing and accommodation.

In the past year, 181 communities have benefited from 516 grants from the Community Recreational Facilities fund. The appropriation of additional funds to this program will allow for further community recreational projects.

An Agricultural and Industrial Expansion Budget

The Farm Income Assurance program, the only one of its

kind in Canada, provides a base by which production programs can be carried out with the assurance that producer income levels can be safeguarded. The program will be augmented by \$27 million. This program, together with the activities of the Land Commission provides an important measure of job and income security for farmers. Agricultural Credit programs will be expanded by a further \$6 million. This government recognizes the vital role agriculture plays not only in the economy of British Columbia, but in the lifestyle of all British Columbians.

In the coming year, provision is being made for expansion of our successful trade missions, technical and small business assistance, and industrial and economic studies pro-

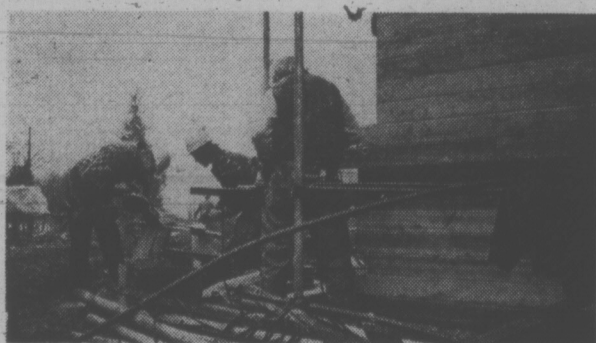


grams. In addition, the British Columbia Development Corporation, formed to provide financial and technical assistance to industry as, to the end of last month, provided 24 loans totalling \$2.8 million. 75% of these loans were to small businesses.

A Sharing Budget

A sum of \$5 million will be allocated for world food relief. This augments the \$5 million Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries, and Major Disaster Areas Fund, from both capital and unexpended interest earnings. The British Columbia government will match private sector contributions given to world food relief. If you give a dollar, the government will match that dollar with an equal amount, in order to assist all British Columbians in voicing their concern.

It is the intention of your government to establish a new provincial financial institution which will be designed to increase the competition in financial markets, to lower interest rates, to support further economic and social development of our province, to ensure that more of all of our money remains in our province, and to increase the amount of credit extended to low and middle income earners, to farmers, and to small business.



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Supertanker Route Plan Sunk

WASHINGTON (FP) — The Maine Board of Environmental Protection (BEP) Monday sank an oil company's plan to route supertankers through hazardous waters to a United States refinery.

The board voted unanimously in favor of the Pittston Co. application to build a refinery at Eastport, Maine.

But the board also voted four to two against Pittston's tanker route, through Head Harbor Passage, a stretch of Canadian water off New Brunswick, which links the open Atlantic Ocean and eastport.

Board chairman William R. Adams Jr. of Lewiston, Maine, said in a telephone interview that these recommendations were made at a meeting in which the board instructed its staff to prepare a formal ruling which will be issued on March 12.

The board's instructions ap-

parently head-off a Canadian-U.S. collision on the tanker route.

The state department here issued a formal statement last week claiming the right of U.S. vessels to sail through Head Harbor Passage. The U.S. view was that international sea law grants the right of "innocent passage" to vessels seeking an entrance to a U.S. ocean by the stretch of Canadian water which includes Head Harbor Passage.

Ottawa had already warned the U.S. that it was considering a ban on tanker traffic from Head Harbor Passage, and protested the plan in a diplomatic note.

Both federal governments expected a bitter dispute if the State of Maine approved the Pittston refinery and the tanker route.

The sole decision rested with the Maine Environmental Board which had been considering Pittston's application for two years.

The site at Eastport was chosen mainly because it was said to be the best available deepwater anchorage on the New England coast.

"The board indicated it would approve the refinery and product distribution facility — with appropriate conditions," Adams said.

Among the conditions, he added, was that the government of Canada should be consulted about the route proposed for the petroleum products refined at Eastport.

Pittston had proposed shipping the products by medium-sized tanker, of about 85,000 tons, from Eastport back through Head Harbor Passage to other U.S. ports.

"The board would anticipate there would have to be a solving of the Canadian problem," Adams said. "But the board voted 4-2 for disapproval of the crude oil delivery system" he added.

The refinery is considered vital for New England, which

at present has no production capacity for petroleum products. It was also considered of major economic benefit to the community of Eastport.

However, despite this, Adams said the board told its staff that it could not approve the route for 250,000-ton tankers bringing crude oil to Eastport.

Canada had protested that the route posed too great a hazard of a major oil spill, threatening the Maritime lobster fishery as well as the New Brunswick shoreline. At its narrowest point, between Deer Island, N.B. and Campbell Island, the tanker route was said to be the width of two tankers placed end to end.

Asked if rejection of the tanker route cancelled out approval of the refinery and, in effect, killed the project, Adams replied: "I don't think it would be appropriate for me to speculate on that."

"Pittston will be asked to restate its position. We discussed the possible benefit or feasibility of a single point mooring away from the shore."

Adams said this idea would mean construction of a monobuoy on the Atlantic, connected to U.S. territory by pipeline. Such a pipeline might have to cross Canadian waters but would not be as

objectionable as oil-laden tankers.

However, Horace Hildreth, of Portland, lawyer for environmentalists in Maine who had opposed the entire Pittston project, pointed out that the attraction of the site was its deepwater anchorage.

"It looks as if for all practical purposes the board has killed the project," he said in an interview from his home.

Adams said the staff of the Maine board will prepare detailed recommendations to be issued on March 12. He said the Pittston company, based in New York, would have an opportunity to reconsider all options under the conditions to be spelled out at that time.

Hildreth said he was optimistic that the whole Pittston project would now be abandoned, but would wait until the board's final statement next week before celebrating. "They could change their minds," he said. "But I think they've killed the thing."

Ford Gains Supporters In Cambodian Aid Boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ford administration won partial support Monday for emergency aid to Cambodia from the eight members of Congress who visited Indochina last week.

Visibly affected by the plight of Cambodia's civilians caught in the war, several anti-war members of the group joined in supporting \$75 million in new food aid for Cambodia. In addition, a majority of the divided eight won reportedly favors \$125 million in new military aid for Cambodia, a little over half of the administration's request.

A combination of these two forms of aid is now likely to be presented as a compromise

substitute for the Ford administration's strongly opposed emergency request for Cambodia.

President Ford asked Congress for \$222 million new military aid for Cambodia, and an end to the aid ceiling to permit more food aid to Cambodia.

There was no agreement reached Monday among those who returned from the trip on the President's other request for \$300 million in new military aid for South Vietnam.

The eight, who were gone from Washington for periods varying from a week to 10 days, returned at 6 a.m. Monday physically and emotionally strained, and under

pressure to reach quick conclusions.

Whatever the final congressional verdict on aid for Indochina, the whirlwind visit seems bound to have some impact.

There were elements of farce and superficiality at times — when the delegation roared down the boulevards of Phnom Penh in a speeding motorcade, or when members donned combat fatigues to visit the "front lines." But in many ways the visit was a breath of fresh air.

The prison doors of South Vietnam, if not exactly flung wide open, were at least cracked wide enough to provide several members of Congress with what they said were genuinely shocking glimpses of the denial of civil liberties and even of beatings and torture of prisoners.

Journalists have been struggling unsuccessfully for years to see as much.

On the other hand, during the visit an equally genuine feeling seemed to emerge of America's responsibilities in South Vietnam and of the need for forging some new kind of foreign policy for the years ahead.

Thailand to Oust Last U.S. Troops

WASHINGTON (UP) — The new government in Thailand announced Monday that it wants the U.S. to withdraw all its remaining troops and planes — from that country within 18 months.

The move apparently caught the U.S. government by surprise. Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger, commenting on the report from Bangkok, told newsmen, "I think the U.S. would prefer, needless to say, to maintain in a residual force ultimately in Thailand."

Another well-informed source said the administration had thought it had reached an agreement with key members of the new Thai government, including Premier Seni Pramoj, on some continuing U.S. military presence there.

Thailand, which allied with the U.S. in the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, serves as a base for U.S. supply missions and reconnaissance

flights in connection with the wars in Cambodia and South Vietnam. Reconnaissance flights over the Indian Ocean were also launched from Thailand.

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Coldest February In Years

The Victoria area had its coldest February in 18 years last month.

The temperature for the month was only 38.9 degrees at the Gonzales Observatory, 2.4 degrees below normal, and 37.3 degrees at Victoria International Airport, 3.2 degrees below normal.

It was also a month of snow — 4.4 inches at Gonzales, the most for February since 1962. The airport got 15.9 inches, 13.1 inches more than normal.

Rainfall for the month was 3.29 inches at Gonzales, slightly above normal, and 3.19 inches at the airport, slightly below normal.

Hours of Sunshine was below normal, with 76.3 hours recorded at Gonzales, the least since 1965.

The month was also the windiest, February since 1961 in the city. Gale force winds occurred Feb. 12 and 19.

So far 1975 has been cooler, drier, wetter and windier than normal.

Gov't Office Contract Let

A \$67,570 contract for alterations to the provincial government's offices of the Justice Development commission in Oak Bay has been awarded to Farmer Construction Ltd., 2925 Douglas.

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Doman Rehabilitation Plan Classic Trade-Off—Williams

The provincial government has "steered a middle course" in allowing Doman Industries Ltd. to rehabilitate and expand sawmill property on Cowichan Bay, Resources Minister Bob Williams said Monday.

"This is a classical trade-off situation," said Williams. "Environmental advocates would prefer that all industry be removed from the bay. To them, this was a golden opportunity with the Slegg mill closed to begin returning the bay to its pristine state."

"At the other extreme, industrial development enthusiasts could see no reason why large forest complexes and major shipping facilities should not be developed."

The Doman proposal, "subject to adequate safeguards,"

can be less damaging than the former Slegg operation, said Williams.

Doman has agreed to several conditions in reactivating the former Slegg Forest Products sawmill property on Cowichan Bay.

—Dredging will be confined to company property, subject to a time schedule decided on by Fisheries and Marine Service.

—Wood wastes left on the site by previous owners will be removed and the mill site is to be enclosed.

—Temporary log storage in Cowichan Bay is limited to 20 acres.

—A seven-acre marsh area is to be filled in for the mill site.

"The Doman proposal will provide stable jobs for 176

employees," said Williams and "we feel that these guidelines will ensure that the status quo on Cowichan Bay will be maintained."

Williams said details of dredging operation to upgrade

the existing mill channel have been negotiated between the company and the provincial and federal fisheries agencies.

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B.C. Tel Take-Over Not NDP 'Priority'

VANCOUVER (CP) — Premier Dave Barrett said Monday that nationalizing B.C. Telephone Co. is no longer a priority of the provincial government.

"We are not in a position to take over the B.C. Telephone

Co.," the premier said in an interview on a Vancouver radio station.

He said nationalization of the company would not be a priority if the NDP is elected to a second term.

When the NDP came into office in September, 1972, Barrett said nationalization of B.C. Tel was a priority and he expected to proceed with it before the end of his first term.

On Monday, however, Barrett said, "it is not the same kind of priority it was 20 or 25 years ago."

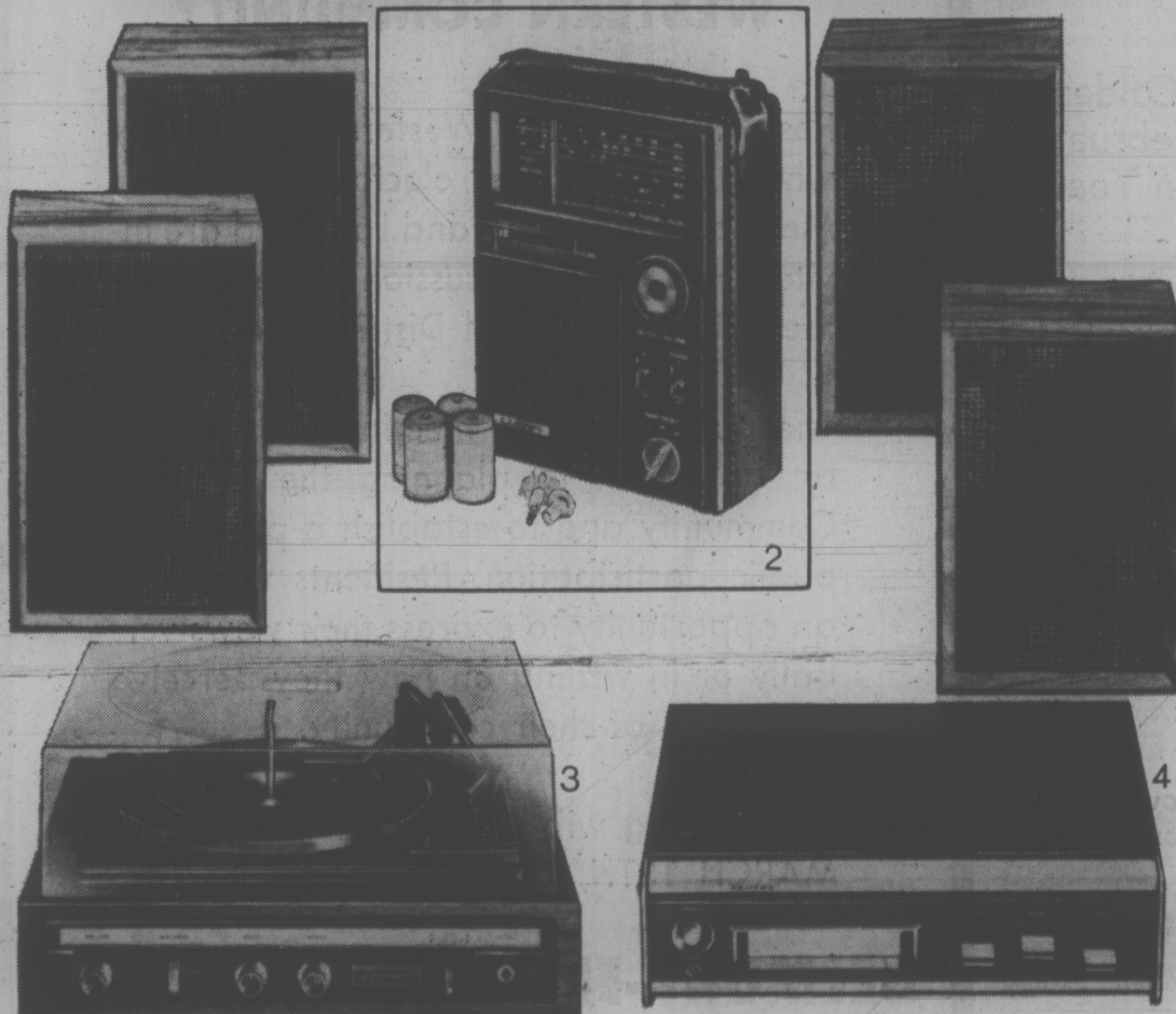
"There are some good, not enough, but some good, governmental regulations on B.C. Tel that place it in a different position than it was 20 or 25 years ago."

He said continuation of the provincial government's part in resource development — such as Columbia Cellulose, Kootenay Elk Forest Products and Ocean Falls — was what the government was giving its attention to.

Strata Act Talk Topic

J. P. Daem of Vancouver, former president of the B.C. Association of Strata Corporations, will address a general meeting of the Greater Victoria branch of the association at 7:30 tonight at Newcombe Auditorium in the Provincial Museum.

The Victoria group represents about 700 condominium owners in this area. Changes in the Strata Titles Act will be discussed at the meeting.



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McGeer Sees Another Surplus

Liberal finance critic Pat McGeer predicted Monday Premier Barrett's \$3.2 billion budget will result in a surplus at the end of the next fiscal year.

McGeer charged Barrett has over-estimated expenditures while accurately estimating revenues so that a "balanced budget" will in fact produce a surplus and make Opposition leader Bill Bennett look foolish.

Bennett has said Barrett's decision to move to "honest" or realistic budgeting will result in a deficit because there is no room to "hedge" when expenditures over-run estimates.

The NDP has abandoned the old Social Credit trick of under-estimating revenues, said McGeer, but has used another fiscal trick of over-estimating expenditures.

McGeer was presenting the seventh annual Liberal "alternative budget."

Every year the member from Vancouver-Point Grey presents a budget which he says more accurately forecasts what will happen in the next fiscal year.

Last year McGeer predicted B.C. would earn \$2.48 billion in revenues compared to the \$2.177 predicted in the official budget.

Latest figures show revenues about \$2.585 billion for the year, meaning McGeer's prediction was about \$300 million closer to the actual revenues.

Barrett's under-estimation of revenues last year follows a pattern of B.C. budgets for a generation, said McGeer, and it shows a lack of truth in government.

Former premier W. A. C. Bennett always simply forecast expenditures to be the

level of revenues from the year previous, said McGeer, so he was always a year behind the actual level of the provincial budget.

Barrett's new budget catches up to a more accurate level of estimates, but the premier is still the most irresponsible person in economic power today, said McGeer.

Nothing in the budget represents an investment for the future, he said, because no

money has been funnelled into the creation of wealth.

All government investment in the economy has been in the form of takeovers which provide no new jobs but simply trade jobs in the private sector for jobs in the public service, he said.

McGeer's alternative budget would see expenditures of \$2.992 billion, compared with the government's \$3.222 billion.

CRIME VICTIMS PAY TRIPLED

The Workers' Compensation Board paid out \$585,939 to victims of crimes in 1974 — more than triple the 1973 amount.

A total of 341 people applied for awards under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, passed in 1972 to provide compensation for victims of crime and for people injured or killed while trying to assist in the arrest of criminals or suspected criminals.

Awards were given to 223 people compared with 126 people in 1973 and 29 in 1972.

In 1973 the total amount of the awards was \$193,896 and in 1972 \$23,633 in awards were granted.

Ten Victorians received compensation under the act.

Hall on Contracts: Silence Justified

Speaker Gordon Dowding ruled Monday that Provincial Secretary Ernie Hall was not guilty of a breach of privilege in refusing to disclose to the legislature details of civil service wage settlements.

Dowding ruled that Hall had adhered to that agreement since the information was apparently leaked to the council through some other means.

The contract settlements are in fact public knowledge, said Dowding, because they appear in cabinet orders which can be seen by anyone.

Both Hall and officials of the BCGEU have expressed anger at the release of the information to the employers' council.

Tory Seeks Tax Cut

A government which cares about people would cut personal income taxes in the province, Tory leader Scott Wallace told the legislature Monday.

Tax cuts would help people on low incomes, he said, and would provide relief from inflation.

The total effect of Premier Barrett's new \$3.2 billion budget is to raise the tax load on the people of B.C. and to deny them even the slightest relief from inflation, he said.

"Job security" programs announced in the budget—\$15 million for new forestry employment and \$20 million for student summer employment—are really "peanut programs," according to Wallace.

The provincial government, he said, has even surpassed Ottawa in indulging in hopeless over-expenditures.

Wallace again called on the government to stand by its promise to fund chronic care facilities in B.C.

Budget No Guide—Bennett

The provincial government's budget shows a total bankruptcy of leadership, Opposition Leader Bill Bennett charged Monday.

"How can the people of B.C. join in the battle to defeat inflation when their government lays before them a \$3.2 billion dollar budget?" asked Bennett in the budget debate in the legislature.

Bennett said the principle of under-estimating revenues "saved the (finance) minister's neck" last year.

"And now for 1975 he has presented a budget of realism to the people of B.C."

The Sacred leader questioned whether the government can control its spending

habits to eliminate all budgetary over-runs it.

"They must do this because there is not a red cent of hedge in this budget."

Bennett said there's a lack of concrete programs for local government and a lack of sufficient new revenue for municipalities to keep pace with increasing costs.

"Local government leaders are unanimous in this position. They're getting the promise of some nebulous amount of money in the future and it's still a third of nothing," said Bennett, referring to the government's proposal to give municipalities one-third share of any increase in the price of natural gas.

Compounding the situation, said Bennett, is the non-existence of private capital investment in B.C.

Bennett said the province's internal financing capability has "all but been destroyed, and yet we see plans for borrowings this year by crown corporations of almost \$1 billion."

Barrett failed to point out that this government is moving B.C. in the unfortunate direction of long-term debts, he said.

"He failed to indicate what B.C.'s economic growth this year will be in real terms."

"Nowhere is there an attempt to indicate how much inflation is expected to subside this year... nowhere

does it indicate what private and public investment will be this year."

Bennett said the premier presented his budget with wishful optimism.

"I'm sure that if he had been a news reporter relating the story of the Titanic, his story would have read 'Titanic steps in the middle of the Atlantic to take on crushed ice.'"

He criticized other opposition party leaders for describing the budget as honest. Their statements, he said, could almost "be described as simple-mindedness in view of the track record of the government."

The record, is one of "incompetent accountability

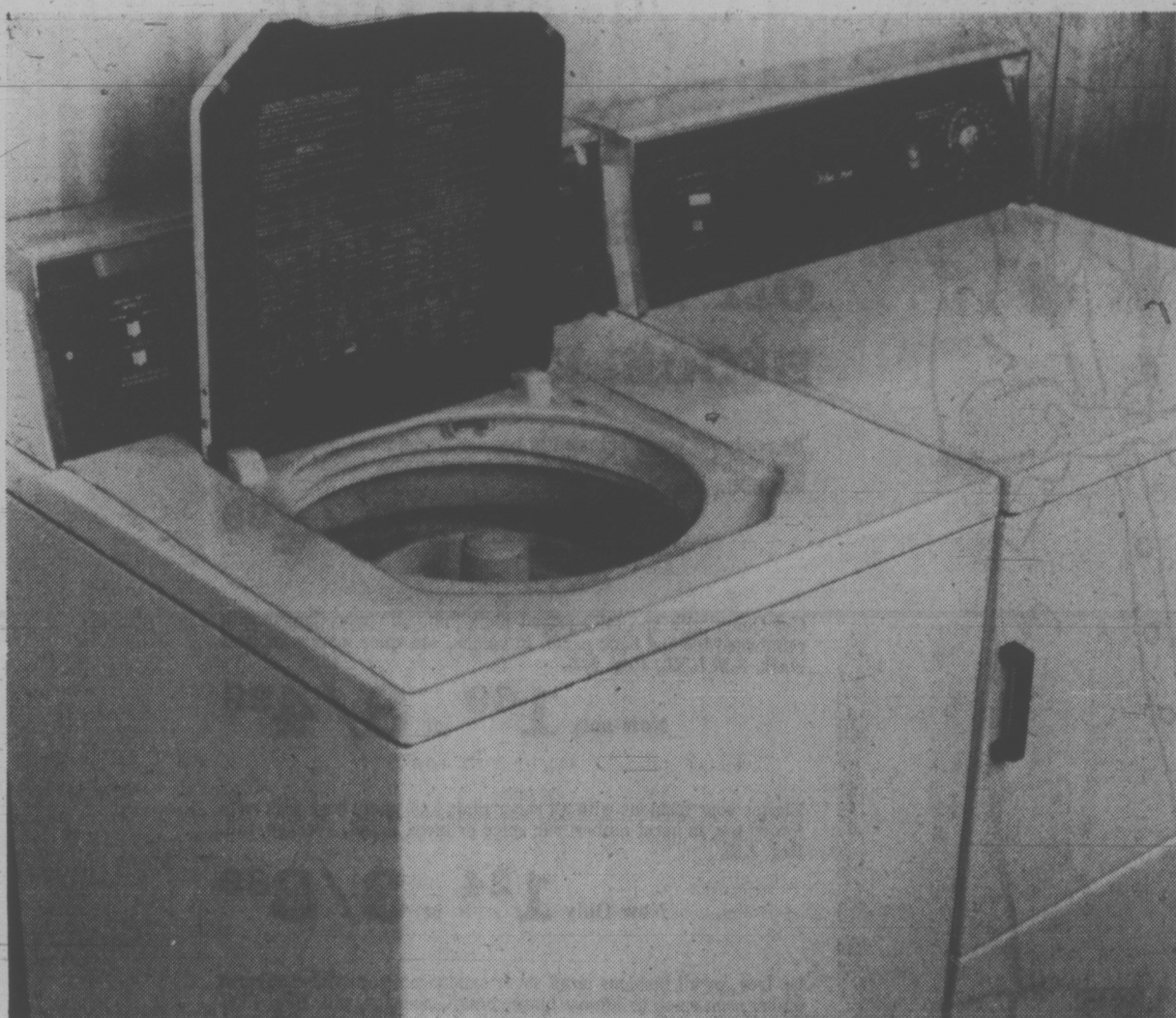
which has never been equalled by any other provincial government."

"I've never before seen a budget with so many scape goats," said Bennett, adding the government had used the federal government, America and Japan as the main reasons for the economic slump.

Over-runs of \$350 million outlined in the budget are "incredible" and are equal to shortfalls of \$175 for each man, woman and child in B.C.

The NDP is also responsible for a staggering drop in the number of small businesses in the province, said Bennett. The number when the government was elected was 47,734 compared to 44,969 now, he claimed.

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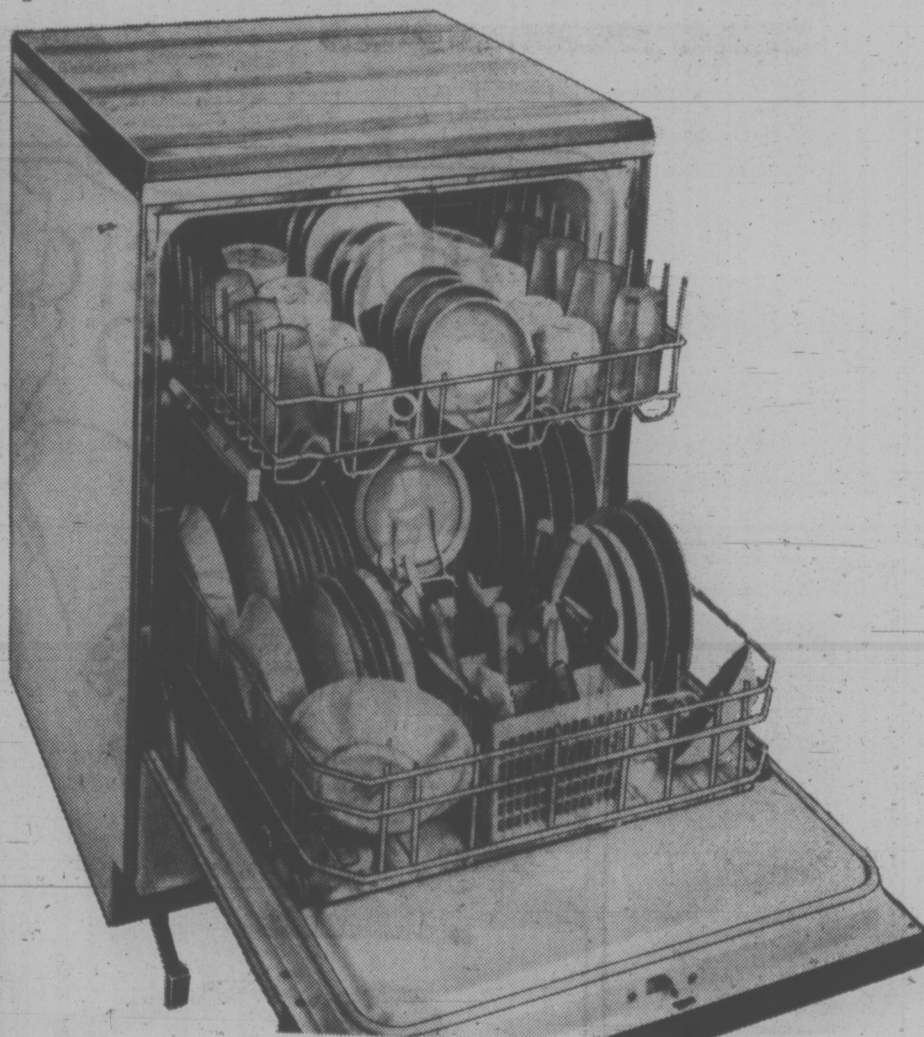
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Special Police Unit For Racial Violence

SURREY (CP) — An RCMP spokesman said Monday that a special unit has been formed to deal with recent racial violence in the community.

Inspector Jim Stewart said the unit is investigating incidents rather than engaging in community relations.

He said he believes the situation has calmed down since last week when a 17-year-old white youth was allegedly beaten by seven East Indian youths.

Inspector Stewart said there has been "overreaction and polarization of opinion on both sides," but that the instigators of racial violence are "a very small group of youths."

Reacting to charges that police have not been doing enough, Insp. Stewart said that in most cases police cannot get enough evidence to lay charges or the victims themselves will not lay charges.

He said protecting residents is difficult with only 160 policemen to protect about 120,000 people.

The inspector said no charges have been laid in the incident in which the white youth was beaten because the youth's guardians have not decided whether they want charges.

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be possible until the weather improves, probably some time in April.

Hit-Run Charges

BURNABY (CP) — A Port Hardy man was charged Monday after a pregnant woman died after she was struck by a car Sunday.

Peter Taplor, 27, was charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident and with having a blood-alcohol content over .08.

Mrs. Ida Dame, 27, of New Westminster, died in hospital Monday of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car.

A hospital spokesman said the woman was seven months

pregnant but when she arrived at hospital, "we were unable to detect a fetal heart so the baby must have died in the accident."

She was hit as she and her husband went to the aid of Mrs. Shirley Wilson of Burnaby, who had been struck by a car as she crossed the street.

A second car then struck Mrs. Dame, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson's 13-year-old son. The others were only bruised. Witnesses chased the second car and caught the driver.

Sun Paper Sped

VANCOUVER (CP) — Leslie Janz started a libel action Monday in British Columbia Supreme Court against the Sun Publishing Co., Pacific Press Ltd., Kayce White and Stuart Keate.

He alleges libel in articles published Jan. 31 in the Vancouver Sun which referred to doctors and a diet clinic.

UVic to Lure Theatre Buffs

March is the month for theatre buffs to turn their attention to the University of Victoria campus where spring is celebrated with the annual Phoenix Festival.

Throughout the month UVic's theatre department will present each weekend a new event on the Phoenix stage.

Opening the festival this Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be a contemporary play, Birdbath, by Leonard Melfi. It is being staged by first year graduate student Joey Krempasky.

Krempasky was last on stage in the role of Lucky in the Phoenix production of Waiting for Godot. In his cast on this occasion are Karen Kramer and Mike Hodgson, the latter recently seen as Dogberry in the UVic-Theatre Guild production of Much Ado About Nothing.

On the same bill will be a film, Hug the Line, which was written, filmed, directed and produced by fourth year student Martin Kava. It is in color and has a sound track.

An adaptation of Shakespeare's The Tempest by stu-

dent David MacLean will be staged March 13, 14 and 15. MacLean will also direct it and a number of student actors make up the cast.

Students of the advanced acting program, under direction of Carl Hare, will perform Strindberg's The Stronger on the weekend of March 20-22. The same actors will also present part of Canadian playwright James Reaney's Listen to the Wind.

The final weekend will begin on March 26 with the production of Harold Pinter's The Caretaker. This major work will run for five performances with a matinee

scheduled for March 29 at 2 p.m.

Caretaker will be directed by Tony Bancroft as his graduate thesis production. Bancroft directed last summer's well-received Last of the Red Hot Lovers for the Phoenix Players and has played leading roles in a number of university productions.

Starring will be Anthony Jenkins who was recently seen as Benedick in Much Ado. Also in the play will be

Mike Stephen, well known local actor and director, and Peter Lower, a member of UVic's department of English. All evening curtain times are 8 o'clock. Tickets for each

performance are \$1. and reservations can be made through the Phoenix box office, 477-4821, Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

'Virtuoso' Readings By British Poet

British poet Jeni Couzyn will appear at Open Space Gallery, 506 Fort, Friday at 8 p.m., reading from her two published books, Flying and Monkey's Wedding. Originally from South Africa and educated at the University of Natal, Ms. Couzyn moved to London in 1968 where she has since worked

as a free lance poet, giving readings and broadcasts and writing commissioned poems for films and festivals. She is well known in Britain for her reading style and The Listener has described her readings as "a genuine virtuoso performance." Admission to the reading is free.

Payroll Stolen

ROME (Reuter) — Three masked bandits armed with shotguns and rifles raided the offices of the Italian Telephone Co. and made off with payroll bags containing about \$480,000, police said.

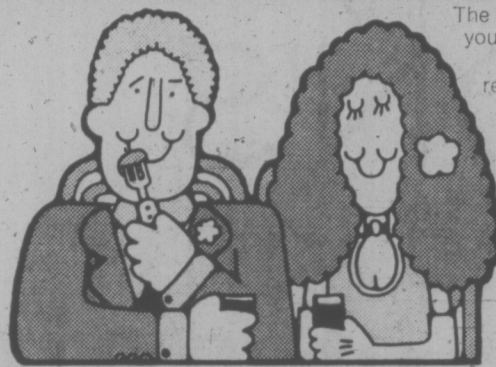
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Guild Bids for CTV

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Vancouver-New Westminster Newspaper Guild applied Monday to the Canadian Labor Relations Board for certification for the newsroom staff at British Columbia Television, the CTV affiliate.

Jack McKim, guild executive secretary, said there was a unanimous vote in favor of the union by the 23 newsroom employees.

Salvage Delayed

PRINCE RUPERT (CP) — Salvage of the 85-foot tug Rivtow Rogue has been postponed for at least a month, Helmut Lanzier of Can-Dive Services, said Monday.

The Rivtow Rogue disappeared Feb. 14 in heavy seas while en route to Prince Rupert from Massett in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Lanzier said salvage will not

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A report on the possible future resource uses within the Tsitika-Schoen moratorium area has been released by the Environment and Land Use Committee. A summary edition of the report is available by writing the E.L.U.C. Secretariat, Parliament Buildings, Victoria. Copies may also be picked up at the Fish and Wildlife Branch Office at 324 Terminal Avenue in Nanaimo.

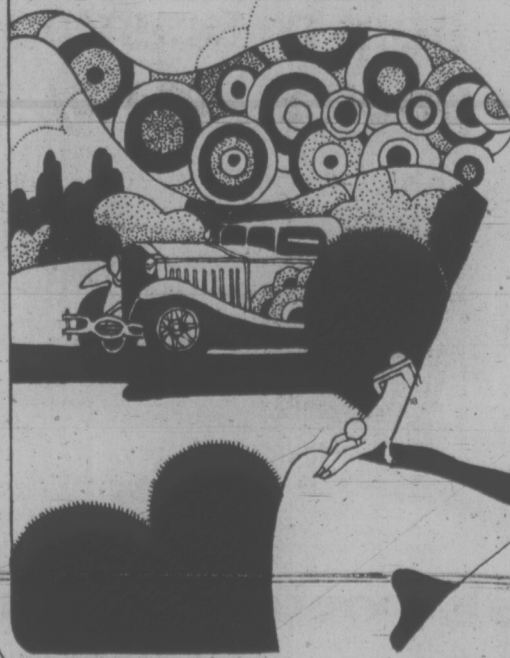
Copies of the full report and the summary will be available in public and regional libraries in Campbell River, Chemainus, Comox, Courtenay, Duncan, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Alberni, Port McNeill, Port Hardy, Sayward, Victoria and Vancouver.

Public meetings have also been scheduled as follows:

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| Port McNeill | Thursday March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Hall. |
| Sayward | Friday March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Kelsey Centre. |
| Campbell River | Saturday March 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cedar School Gymnasium. |

Those unable to attend the public meetings are invited to submit written comments to the Environment and Land Use Committee c/o the E.L.U.C. Secretariat, Parliament Buildings, Victoria before March 15.

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OTTAWA (CP) — Real Caouette will be restored to party leader status, and income, when Parliament approves supplementary estimates tabled in the Commons Monday by Treasury Board President Jean Chretien.

According to the law a party must have 12 members in the Commons to be regarded as a party, and to enable its leader to collect an extra \$4,000 a year.

The Social Credit Party, however, was reduced to 11 members in the July, 1974 election.

Other opposition parties have indicated they won't object to the restoration.

Dredging Stonewall

OTTAWA (CP) — With dredging contracts the biggest issue before the Commons, Conservative Leader Robert Stanfield Monday protested the absence from the House of all ministers able to provide direct answers on the subject.

He said he can understand the absence of Labor Minister John Munro, who is in hospital.

But Transport Minister Jean Marchand and Solicitor-General Warren Allmand were also away.

"We are used to the stonewalling tactics of the government," he said, but he hoped there was a good explanation for this situation "in light of questions before the House."

Acting prime minister Mitchell Sharp said that Allmand was in Regina attending graduation ceremonies for the first female members of the RCMP.

Transport Minister Jean Marchand was in Montreal talking to trade unions about inflation.

Ottawa Clamps Down On Cheap U.S. Books

OTTAWA (CP) — Responding to pressure from authors and publishers, the government announced plans Monday to control the domestic sale of cut-rate U.S. editions of books by Canadian authors.

Secretary of State Hugh Faulkner said the government has decided it has the power under the existing Copyright Act to stop books at the

border that have been written by Canadians, published in the U.S. and then declared surplus at bargain-basement prices.

He said in a prepared statement that the government will place such books on the prohibited schedule of the customs tariff on receiving "satisfactory evidence" that the copyright legislation was being transgressed.

Times News Services

OTTAWA — The government tabled final 1974-75 supplementary spending estimates of \$1.6 billion Monday, bringing its over-all spending projection for the year to \$26.53 billion, nearly 30 per cent higher than the original over-all estimate of \$22.02 billion tabled a year ago. The government's fiscal year ends March 31.

"By Gosh, the price isn't right," said G. W. Baldwin, Progressive Conservative House leader.

"Some restraint by the cabinet," he scoffed.

Relating the supplementary spending for 1974-75 to the estimated expenditures for the year 1975-76 the total government spending in the current fiscal year will be some \$36 billion or \$37 billion, he said.

The unusually-high increase through 1974-75 was caused in large part by a 12-per-cent national inflation rate and an expensive oil subsidy program to hold down petroleum costs in eastern Canada.

The over-all figures cover budgetary spending and do not include non-budgetary items such as loans, advances and investments for which the government expects to be reimbursed. Estimates are actually spending requests by the government. They must be approved by Parliament.

Those tabled Monday, the fourth supplementary package of the year, totalled nearly \$2 billion including non-budgetary items.

One non-budgetary entry was \$138 million for investment in Alberta oil sands Suncor Canada Ltd. extraction project.

Three budgetary items accounted for most of the remainder: \$700 million for the old age security fund, \$449 million in payments to the provinces under a tax-sharing arrangement and \$155 million for the new Mirabel airport near Montreal.

The four supplementary estimates tabled during the year totalled slightly more than \$6 billion — 28 per cent above budgetary spending projected a year ago.

If supplementary estimates are tabled through 1975-76 at the same rate as in 1974-75, the total budget will hit \$38 billion, "something like a 70 per cent increase" in two years, he said.

"We say it's time to call a halt... This is incredible to say the least."

Foreign Investment Board Lifts Veil of Secrecy

OTTAWA (CP) — The foreign investment review agency's usual curtain of secrecy was lifted slightly Monday when Industry Minister Gillespie announced approval for 14 foreign takeovers of Canadian companies and the refusal of one application.

For the first time the minister went beyond the usual bland statement that a particular takeover bid was, or was not, "of significant benefit to Canada" and spelled out reasons for certain decisions.

The review agency screens proposed foreign takeovers, negotiating with would-be buyers for commitments on new jobs, more capital investment and assurance of opportunities for Canadians in the acquired companies.

But the decision to permit a transaction is made by cabinet on the advice of the industry minister.

Gillespie still did not reveal any of the financial terms of the takeover proposals, nor did he give reasons for turning down one acquisition bid.

All the review agency's deliberations are secret. Some of the decisions were announced earlier without details.

Unbiased Study Urged Of Immigration Plans

OTTAWA (CP) — Immigration Minister Robert Andras opened a parliamentary debate on future immigration policies Monday with a warning against any "extreme reaction."

"Canada will want a policy free of discrimination regarding race, color or creed," he said in the Commons, which referred the government's green paper on immigration to a special committee.

The joint Senate-Commons committee will hold nationwide hearings on the paper. Andras said the paper will be "the paramount vehicle" for soliciting public views on future immigration policies.

Until recently the subject seemed rather distant, he said, but with world population growth, the energy crisis and the food shortage "it's more important to know where we're going." Based on current trends, it was likely that immigration would overtake Canada's natural population increase by the end of the century.

Andras said the green paper sets the basis for an in-depth study — the first of its kind to go into demographic problems.

Some regions of the country, such as Alberta, probably needed more workers while other areas, such as the Maritimes, were more concerned with internal migration.

It was important that all viewpoints be gathered, but he said Canadians should "be concerned about extreme reactions, from wherever they may come."

Through the green paper the government had tried "to tell the whole immigration story" and the committee hearings would provide "an extremely valuable stimulus for public debate."

Jake Epp (PC-Provencher) supported the motion to refer the paper to committee but

objected to the six-month deadline. The committee must report its findings by July 31.

Arnold Peters (NDP — Timiskaming) said the committee study would be an exercise in futility.

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OTTO LANG FLYING HIGH

OTTAWA (CP) — Otto Lang's Flying Circus folded months ago, but the justice minister still spends many hours in aircraft seats.

Figures tabled in the Commons Monday show that Lang is among the top ministers in terms of mileage and domestic flights aboard transport department aircraft.

In 1974, he travelled 46,129 miles in 29 trips, down slightly from 51,380 miles in 30 trips the previous year.

During last summer's election campaign, he organized a flotilla-referred to as Otto Lang's Flying Circus — of

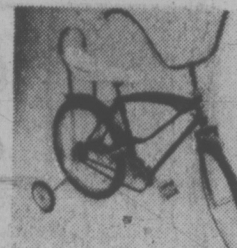
about 18 private aircraft to fly to Humboldt in his Saskatchewan constituency.

Prime Minister Trudeau, by contrast, covered a relatively modest 7,952 miles in 13 trips last year, well down from his 29,450 miles in 32 trips in 1973.

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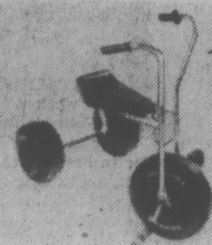
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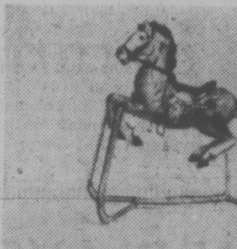
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Incurable braggarts, we British Columbians. We just can't resist any opportunity to remind our shivering brethren in eastern Canada that we enjoy a relatively balmy — some would spell that barny — climate this side of the Rockies.

Here's a picture clipped from an Ottawa newspaper, in washed out color yet, showing Cally West of Victoria in flouncy flower girl outfit as "Miss Terrific Pacific."

Naturally she's holding a flower basket and naturally she's presenting a bunch of daffodils to an MP — in this case B.C.'s only man in the cabinet, Revenue Minister Ron Basford, all huddled up in a big black overcoat.

What a con game! We don't tell those jealous easterners that the daffs are straight out of some greenhouse, or that if Miss Terrific wore that costume here right now she'd come down with a terrific dose of 'flu in no time at all.

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Mrs. Catherine Davidson, 2665 Dalhousie, has come up with a novel suggestion for ending the current schools strike through direct provincial government intervention.

Parents, she says, should encourage their children to troop down in droves to the public gallery of the B.C. legislature, where their daily unsupervised attendance would soon grate on the powers that be.

Mrs. Davidson took her two children, ages 11 and 15, to the legislature on Monday and had the distinct impression that children are only welcome in groups supervised by teachers or parents.

"They want them to sit quietly in that gallery without nonsense," she said. "Which is pretty funny in a way because I've never seen such a bunch of idiots as those MLAs... banging on desks, interrupting each other and turning their backs whenever anything interesting is being said."

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Those free car washes aren't free any more. The Uplands Gulf Service Centre and Car Wash had to end its free washes when it cut its gas price to 59.9 cents, manager Gary Whitmore said.

"We couldn't afford to give the wash away at that price," said Tom Martin's Imperial Esso Centre across the street, he now charges \$1.50 a wash or 50 cents if the customer orders a fill-up at the gas pumps.

While no longer free, the automatic car wash is still reasonable. An inside-outside job at a regular car wash can cost as much as \$4.

No, the inside part is not a bucket of water on the upholstery. It's a thorough going over with a vacuum cleaner.

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Who knows?

Community Information, the provincially-financed telephone service that tries to provide answers for everything from "Where can I watch a quilts tournament?" to "What do I do now that my unemployment benefits have run out?" has linked up with Information Canada, co-ordinator Nancy McPhee tells Town Talk Phone 386-6326.

Ina Tait, Howard Harnan, Bonnie Mills — the Saanich Home-School Association is looking for you.

The association is trying to round up all former teachers and pupils of the school who might still be around for a reunion May 31.

A list of some former pupils and teachers has been made, but the association wants to hear from everyone.

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The Federation of Telephone Workers of B.C. got the wrong number when it sent a letter to North Saanich council.

The letter, read at Monday's council meeting, urged aldermen to speed settlement with locked out workers.

No lockout in North Saanich — the letter was meant for men to speed settlement with locked out workers.

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Maggi Lynn of Victoria, who has led clean-up exercises at the Victoria heliport garbage dump, has an ally in Saanich.

Robert Talbot of 2640 Killarney suggested to Saanich council Monday she should be made an honorary citizen of Saanich.

Talbot accused council of having "complete disregard and disdain for the rights of its citizens" in using tennis courts as garbage dumps. Mayor Ed Lum pointed out the Caddboro Bay tennis courts, which Talbot lives near and another at Reynolds were the only ones causing problems. Reynolds residents had emulated Lynn's actions and organized their own clean-up operations, Lum added.

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The British Columbia Liberal Party is holding a reception in honor of former Victoria MP David Gross Saturday night at the Canterbury Inn and they are hoping for the same sort of success enjoyed by the Social Credit Party at its reception for leader Bill Bennett last week.

The Socreds braced for 300 at their wine and cheese party at Da Vinci Hall but 700 turned out.

Liberal organizer Carol Swankey said the turnout for Gross is expected to be between 200 and 400 — and hopefully more.

The list of prominent Liberals coming for the Gross reception is headed by National Revenue Minister Ron Basford and includes many present MPs, senators and MLAs.

A pre-reception reception is planned for 9 p.m. Friday at the Canterbury Inn.

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A somewhat negative press release has landed on Town Talk's desk, courtesy of the Australian trade commissioner's office in Vancouver.

It extols the virtues of the Neova, a "personal hovercraft from Australia," but only after it has already warned that the release is not for publication in — take a deep breath — Austria, Belgium, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Poland Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia, Bahrain, East Africa, Egypt, Lebanon, Malte, Mauritius, New Caledonia, Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru (sic).

Unfortunately, this being a Pacific Island, we can tell you no more.



BOISTEROUS BOYS on Blanshard boulevard were buoyed up with bounce in Sunday's spring-like sunshine, when their antics also brought smiles to the faces of passing motorists. It seems that when

you're young in Victoria, with a winterful of cooped-up energy, happiness is three old inner tubes and a strip of soft turf alongside a busy freeway. (John McKay photo)

Engineer: Public Zone Needed at Shorelines

Owners of waterfront properties should be responsible to the public for preserving a shoreline corridor along the seafont and river estuaries, an international expert on coastal zone resource management said today.

"A homeowner in the public interest must set his house back so many feet from a street and can't erect signs or obstacles on his front lawn," Wolf Bauer of Seattle, observed. "So a subdivision should not be allowed to interfere with a natural corridor along the seafont."

A geologist and engineer, he addressed a Victoria Sierra Club conference on shoreline and estuary management at the Newcombe auditorium Monday. The meeting was attended by engineers, planners, foresters, realtors and conservationists.

Bauer noted that Washington leads all U.S. states and Canadian provinces on shoreline management.

In 1971, it passed an act requiring the preservation of a natural corridor 200 feet above the high water mark.

But, he added, the act is being studied for amendments as the 200-foot corridor is not realistic and does not adequately protect the shoreline.

Bauer said beaches, estuaries, and spits have been ruined because of shoreline mismanagement.

As an example, he said, a house is built on a sandy bluff

and bulkheads or pilings are erected to prevent erosion.

"This bluff has been providing the beach with sand," he said. "The wind and tide has also been carrying the sand down the coast and is responsible for a spit. Behind the spit may be a marsh, and important area for birds and fish."

"All three areas may be ruined by interfering with the natural movement of the sand," added. "This is not in the public interest."

Husband Charged In Death

Twenty-one-year-old Edward Robert Nicholet of 1345 Pandora was charged in Victoria provincial court Monday with murder, punishable by life imprisonment in the death of his wife Patricia Rose.

The body of Mrs. Nicholet, 18, of 2991 Austin, was found Saturday on some rocks near the high-tide mark at the foot of Barnard Street on the Victoria West-Esquamalt border.

Victoria police said the woman appeared to have died as a result of drowning.

Nicholet was remanded by Judge William Ostler to Thursday for appointment of defence lawyer.

Mrs. Nicholet's fully-clothed body was discovered by Gordon Taylor, 831 Dunsuir, who was walking in the West Bay area.

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The action continued today.

CUPE Talks Resume

Regional employers and civic staff representatives were back at the bargaining table today for their third session with mediator Clark Gilmour in an effort to end an area-wide municipal strike-lockout.

Early this afternoon there had been no comment by

either party to the dispute, now in its sixth week.

With sides occupying separate rooms off the lower concourse of the Empress Hotel, Gilmour shuttled between them, apparently pursuing a proposal which he put forward last week.

'Happy Schoolgirl' Sues

By ROGER STONEBANKS Times Staff

A B.C. Supreme Court action was launched Monday seeking liability and damages for a teenage girl confined to a wheelchair as a result of a traffic accident in 1972.

Corrine Rhonda Lissell of Courtenay was 15 years old at the time, "a happy schoolgirl, holding down a part-time job," Rodney Taylor, lawyer for Corrine and her father Robert, told Mr. Justice James Macdonald and a jury.

She was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by David Cox, now a 23-year-old sawmill worker living in Williams Lake, which collided with a car driven by 39-year-old logger Henry Paul, now living near Alert Bay.

Paul, driving a 1962 Mercury convertible, was making a left-hand turn into a driveway on a straight stretch of road between Courtenay and Comox.

Corrine was thrown from the motorcycle, suffered severe spinal chord damage and was paralyzed from the waist down and in the left arm, Taylor told the court.

"These injuries are considered irreversible," he said.

RCMP Corp. Robert Farrell said it was "a beautiful June day" when he attended the accident shortly after noon June 13, 1972, on a 3-mile straight section of road with a posted speed limit of 40 miles an hour.

He said he checked the turn signals on Paul's car but couldn't recall the results and notes from the time had been destroyed.

RCMP Const. Charles Caughill, off duty at the time, said he was third in a line of vehicles driving towards Comox. Paul's car was third in a line of vehicles driving towards Comox. Paul's car was in the lead, followed by a pickup truck driven by I. D. Lloyd of Comox.

The vehicles slowed from about 40 miles an hour to 15 or 20 miles an hour and while he was slowing the motorcycle behind him pulled out to pass. Just as it was level with the pickup truck, Paul was turning left and almost made it to the driveway when the impact occurred.

The motorcycle was doing a "good, strong 40 but not an excessive speed," he said. He didn't see any signals from the Paul vehicle.

Lloyd testified he saw Paul give a hand signal about 300 feet before making the left-hand turn. "We were going very slowly."

James Mitchell, a hitchhiker passenger in Lloyd's truck, also testified he saw a hand signal given.

Paul, represented by George Kinoid of Vancouver, took the stand and said he knew as he left Courtenay the turn signal flashers weren't working because he had noticed it.

Three hundred to 400 feet before making the left-hand turn he said he put out his left hand, glanced around, but saw no motorcycle.

He had almost completed the turn when "I heard a hit and a bang."

Cox, represented by L.S.G. Finch of Vancouver, said he picked up Corrine at a Courtenay school on his 650-cc Yamaha motorcycle. He admitted he had only a learner's licence at the time, knew he wasn't permitted to carry passengers and hadn't told Corrine of this.

He said he was travelling at 40 miles an hour, the cars at 35. He pulled out to pass the three vehicles and got as far as the truck when he noticed the first vehicle making a left-hand turn. He estimated his passing speed at 45 miles an hour.

Cox said he never saw any signals from Paul and remonstrated with him about this immediately after the collision.



PROTOTYPE HELICOPTER model designed by Leonardo da Vinci about 500 years ago never got off the ground but makes for fascinating viewing today. It's admired by Donna

Baillergeon, education student at University of Victoria. Da Vinci's genius is on view in display of his models at the university's library. Free exhibition will be here about two weeks.

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SECOND SECTION

Aid Asked In Paying Police Bill

Saanich council by a 5-3 vote accepted a pared-down budget of close of \$2 million for police services Monday night.

The acceptance came after Ald. Mel Couveller failed in an attempt to get the budget rejected in order to challenge the government's edict that the police force be substantially increased without provincial financial help.

Couveller's motion ended in a tie vote, Ald. Bill Campbell, Ald. Mary Casillo and Ald. Roy Wotten voting with him.

Instead the council agreed to accept the budget but write a letter to the attorney general's office asking for assistance to meet the manpower guidelines laid down by the government-appointed B.C. Police Commission.

The municipality will also attempt to rally province-wide support in an effort to get more government assistance.

Letters will be sent to all councils and municipal police boards, as well as a resolution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

Couveller conceded the police board had done a good job of chopping costs. The new budget allows for 20 new policemen and one clerk instead of an original 29 extra policemen.

"But we are unable to accept this kind of tax load on Saanich taxpayers," Couveller said.

Mayor Ed Lum pointed out the actual increase in the budget was only about \$100,000, not \$300,000, because the provincial government had assumed responsibility for the \$207,000 costs of the courts and juvenile detention home.

Lum said more than 85 per cent of the police budget is for salaries (\$1,578,100), and this could increase as negotiations are completed. He said Saanich, as an example, had already offered the Canadian Union of Public Employees increases of 15.76 per cent.

Ald. Joe Bourque said even with the additional 20 policemen he was concerned the Saanich police department would still be hard-pressed to carry out essential services.

Lum said the Saanich police force strength was one man for every 850 residents, compared to the city's one man for every 480 people. Even with the 20 additional men, Lum said, Saanich would still only have a ratio of one man to every 750 people, instead of the 650 set down by the B.C. Police Commission.

Cocke Sees Sale 'Ploy'

Health Minister Dennis Cocke said Monday he suspects Aberdeen private hospital may not be closing, and its owner is simply using a "business ploy."

The government is concerned about 77 patients who could be displaced if the hospital closes, said Cocke, but necessary arrangements will be made if that occurs.

Cocke said he is negotiating with hospital owner Ned De Macedo for purchase of the 10-year-old institution and he says he suspects the owner is using a "business ploy to assist in getting the kind of deal the owner would like to get."

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The hospital has been for sale for more than a year with an asking price of \$1.5 million. De Macedo said the government has never produced a reasonable offer.

Cocke told the legislature it would be "a little bit unbusinesslike" to disclose the state of negotiations with Aberdeen and would not say if any definite offers have been made to De Macedo.

The owner announced this weekend the hospital will close within three months, leaving 77 elderly and ailing patients as well as 16 residents of the Hillside Retirement Lodge without accommodation.

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ECONOMY SLUMPS

OTTAWA (CP) — Total production of the economy declined by 1.3 per cent in the last three months of last year, Statistics Canada said today.

The agency said it was "the first quarterly decline of such magnitude since the recession of 1960-61."

The latest figures show there was a slight increase in the third quarter, a decline of one-tenth of one per cent in the second and an increase of 1.7 per cent in the first.

NEWS BRIEFS

Quake War Feared

GENEVA (UPI) — UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim urged the Geneva disarmament conference today to take quick action on banning such "terrifying" environmental warfare as earthquakes, hurricanes and tidal waves. Waldheim, in a message to the conference as it began its 1975 session, said modern technology will soon make it possible to release such forces of nature.

Tube Toll Now 45

LONDON (UPI) — Four days after London's worst subway disaster, recovery teams pulled more bodies from the wreckage today and estimated the final death toll would reach 45, two more than previously thought. The remains of 10 more victims were taken from the mangled lead car, the first recovered since Sunday.

U.S. \$ Erratic

BRUSSELS (UPI) — The U.S. dollar rose marginally on most foreign exchanges today but slipped to an all-time low in Brussels for the second day in a row. The price of gold was unchanged.

Banks Follow Suit

TORONTO (CP) — Three more chartered banks have announced reductions in their prime lending rate to nine per cent. All 10 banks in Canada now have a uniform prime, the rate charged on loans to the banks' most credit-worthy customers.

Oil Price Freeze Hint Until 1980

ALGIERS (UPI) — Algerian President Houari Boumedienne proposed today that oil-producing countries freeze oil prices until the end of this decade if consumer nations guarantee protection for the oil countries' income and assets abroad.

Boumedienne spoke to the opening session of the first summit conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

OPEC members were willing to "break into our reserves" to help the industrialized nations in a period of economic recovery, he said.

They would do this to insure the normal functioning of the industrialized nations until they can cut waste and find alternate energy sources. But he indicated the level of supply would be significantly lower than in the past.

The developed countries are living far beyond their means," Boumedienne said, citing "fossil fuels spent recklessly."

He said the oil-producing nations would be forced to "re-examine their economic policies."

A 20-year-old bosun stationed at Canadian Forces Base, Naden, was charged this morning with the murder of two women in Esquimalt last fall.

Larry Lovell, appearing in Victoria provincial court packed with spectators, stood expressionless as the charges were read that he killed Jane Isobel Plump, 51, of 1153 Munro and Florence Bevan, 62, of 1324 Lyall by stabbing last Sept. 6 and thereby committed murder punishable by life in prison.

Lovell, clean-cut, of average build and height, and wearing a blue windbreaker, looked straight ahead and didn't say a word. His father who lives in Richmond, B.C. stood to one side.

At the request of legal aid duty counsel Robert Monaghan, William Oslter remanded the accused to Thursday. Sources indicated a Vancouver lawyer has been retained in the case.

In a late-night press conference Monday, Esquimalt police chief Art Burton said Lovell, a native of Vancouver who joined the armed forces 14 years ago, had been arrested at 8:45 p.m. that evening.

The arrest came 178 days after the bodies of the two women were discovered in a small stockroom in Ray's Food Market, 1325 Esquimalt Road.

The women had been stabbed 75 or 80 times. Coroner Edmund St. Jorre described the killings as "the most ghastly murders one could imagine."

Esquimalt police said robbery appeared to have been the motive. About \$80 was missing from the till in the small corner grocery store and a watch was taken from the wrist of one of the victims.

Burton said the investigation was the most intensive and extensive ever conducted by his department. At least 350 interviews were recorded.

"Very few cases have so many ups and downs as this one," he said. "We got off to a bad start with a number of false leads."

The search for the killer spread from coast to coast. The RCMP polygraph (lie-detector) unit was used more than six times to check testimony given by some of the witnesses.

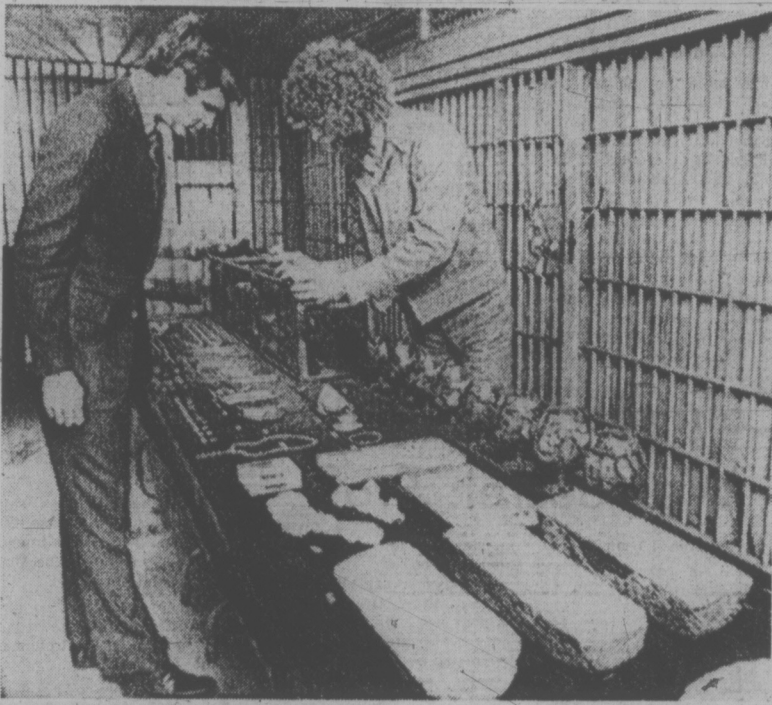
Burton lauded Sgt. Doug Sprouton, a 19-year veteran of the Esquimalt force, whose "dedication, determination and patient plodding" led to Monday's arrest.

"He serves as a model to the department," the chief said.

Burton also praised the cooperation and assistance he

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OTTAWA ROCKS BERGER HEARING Pipeline Inquiry Scuttled?



TREASURE FROM THE DEPTHS in a heavily guarded cell is shown to Florida Secretary of State Bruce Smathers, left, by marine archaeologist W. A. Cockrell. The treasure, estimated to be worth \$6 million, was found in a submerged wreck of a Spanish ship west of Marquesas Key near Key West. The artifacts, including three solid silver bars (right), were divided between Armada Research and the state of Florida, with the state getting 25 per cent of the historic haul. (Story, Page 2.)

Columbia Committee Was Secret: Professor

B.C. Hydro considered the committee set up to reallocate Columbia River project funds to be secret, Dr. Ian McDougall, a law professor from Dalhousie University in Halifax said Monday.

In the legislature, Resources Minister Bob Williams said an inquiry will be launched into the costs of the treaty, after he acknowledged that McDougall was the source of a stack of memos and minutes he tabled earlier on the "secret" committee set up in 1967.

McDougall said in Halifax the committee was set up to screen the financing of the project.

"The only question to ask is why you set up a committee like this and the only possible answer that I can think of is to hide the true cost of that treaty from the people of British Columbia," he said.

Williams told the legislature the government has decided an inquiry is necessary but the specific terms of reference will be announced later.

Outside the legislature, he said the inquiry will not be in the form of a legislative committee but he would provide no further details.

McDougall, grandson of Gen. A. G. McNaughton, a former member of the International Joint Commission who opposed B.C.'s participation in the Columbia agreement, has been working with the government as a consultant on the treaty and the possibility of renegotiating it.

Williams said McDougall had given him the minutes of confidential meetings held by the committee.

McDougall said the committee's file was "kept in a bank of filing cabinets, it was kept locked at all times when not in use."

"Many senior people inside

Hydro that I had spoken to had never heard of this committee and I was given to understand that all the information that was drawn from this particular file was to be treated as if it were confidential," he said.

McDougall said setting up the committee "does not seem to be in the best interests of the people of B.C."

"What we're talking about are the finances of a treaty which is proven in almost every respect to be a disaster to the country and certainly to the people of B.C. Now, I mean if this thing was not a secret committee, why didn't we know a long time ago that they were thinking of reallocating the cost?"

The minister tabled the original set of files from McDougall with the house. (He originally tabled only a copy of the file.)

While he received the file from McDougall, Williams

said, he is satisfied the same material is in B.C. Hydro files.

Williams said McDougall told him the title page of the file, which is the only page marked "confidential," could have been added to his file by one of his own staff members.

Some controversy has arisen over the title page since no other page in the file indicates that the committee's work was confidential or secret and the title page looks like it may have been typed on a different typewriter.

Hugh Keenleyside, former chairman of B.C. Hydro who was in charge of the Columbia deal, has denied the committee was secret and has called it a routine committee of Hydro.

"I'm delighted," Keenleyside said Monday, "the minister has been forced by public opinion to have an investigation."

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Berlin Pastor Back From Asylum Flight

By United Press International

A Protestant pastor who accompanied five terrorists to asylum in the Republic of South Yemen returned to West Germany today to tell kidnappers holding a politician hostage in West Berlin that their price had been paid.

Henrich Albertz, a former mayor of West Berlin, arrived in Frankfurt aboard the same Lufthansa Boeing 707 which flew the five guerrillas to Aden on Monday.

Albertz transferred immediately to an U.S. air force

plane, which rushed him on to West Berlin.

West German authorities released the five from prison on demand of other guerrillas who kidnapped 52-year-old Peter Lorenz last Thursday.

The abductors, hiding somewhere in West Berlin, threatened to kill Lorenz unless the government met their conditions.

The kidnappers said they would hold Lorenz until Albertz accompanied the five to freedom, and returned to Berlin to report the bargain carried out.

Times News Services

Acting Prime Minister Mitchell Sharp dropped a bomb on the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline hearings Monday by refusing to promise Ottawa will wait for the Berger report before deciding whether the pipeline should go ahead.

Sharp's statement rocked the Northwest Territories capital of Yellowknife where a few hours earlier Mr. Justice Thomas Berger had opened an inquiry into the social and environmental impact of the \$7 billion pipeline proposed by Canadian Arctic Gas Pipelines Ltd.

"I would hesitate to say that one particular step must be completed before a final decision can be made," Sharp told T. C. Douglas (NDP-Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands).

Energy Minister Donald Macdonald similarly refused to promise to wait for the Berger report.

Mr. Justice Berger said neither he nor his staff would comment on Sharp's statement.

But Andrew Thomson, president of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, a public interest group with members across Canada, said he is not ready to accept the statement as meaning the government will ignore Berger's recommendations.

"If that is what the government meant, we should be told so and then we might as well pack up and go home," said Thomson.

Also in Yellowknife, NDP Parliamentary Leader Ed Broadbent said Monday night that Berger may want to consider whether to continue his inquiry into the pipeline in view of government statements.

The much-publicized inquiry started Monday with a suggestion from the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee that the government's uncooperative stance towards the inquiry revived suspicions that the government has already made up its mind.

Broadbent said: "I find it totally irresponsible if this is what Mr. Sharp meant and I can't see how it can be interpreted in any other way."

The inquiry, to cost more than \$1 million, is expected to take several months.

Canadian Arctic Gas Pipelines opened its pitch for a right-of-way across the Canadian north by saying it now represents Canada's best defence against the world energy crisis.

Pierre Genest of Toronto, appearing for Arctic Gas, said the proposed 2,600-mile line represented "the best chance to reduce substantially Canada's exposure to the vast economic and financial problems which, if they are not solved or alleviated, are bound to seriously affect the well-being of every Canadian man, woman and child."

Berger is to report to the minister of northern affairs as to what conditions should be imposed on the pipeline company if the project goes ahead.

R. G. Gibbs of Calgary, appearing for rival Footbills Pipe Line Ltd., called the proposed Arctic Gas line a Panama canal and argues that it would be built not for Canadians but for American interests.

Native people plan to complain to the inquiry about a statement last month by Northern Affairs Minister Judd Buchanan that the connecting lines to the main pipeline are not to be considered part of the judge's hearings.

It was Buchanan's view that the connecting lines are a territorial decision, although evidence is that they will cover many hundreds of miles and cost many millions of dollars.

Union Print Job Doubled Cost

Fleming Review Printing Ltd. of Victoria is protesting a decision by B.C. Hydro to award a bus schedule contract to Colonist Printers for \$13,440 when Fleming Review offered to do the job for \$6,769.

Only the two bids were received when B.C. Hydro opened tenders on Jan. 21. A contract was awarded to Colonist Printers, the higher bidder.

"The awarding of that contract is very strange," said Ross Perry, co-owner of Fleming Review Printing.

"The other bid was almost twice as high as ours and yet they are awarded the contract."

In Vancouver, B.C. Hydro public relations officer David Robertson said the Colonist Printers bid was accepted because the company has a union shop, unlike Fleming Review Printing.

"Not all B.C. Hydro contracts are awarded to union shops only but in the present case we felt it would be preferable," Robertson said.

B.C. Hydro was disappointed that only one union shop submitted a bid.

Perry said B.C. Hydro led his company to think it had a chance by specifically requesting a bid and then asking, in a subsequent letter, for assurances Fleming Review Printing offers the equivalent facilities of a union shop.

Although Fleming Review Printing is non-union, wages are paid on the union scale, and this information was forwarded to B.C. Hydro, Perry said.

"After all that, the contract was awarded to Colonist Printers."

Robertson, of B.C. Hydro, said the Fleming Review Printing bid was invited because the utility company had no way of knowing if any union shop would be making a bid, although it hoped for several bids from union shops.

When a union shop made a bid, B.C. Hydro decided to award the contract, although it was considerably higher than the rival bid.

B.C. Hydro was also aware that Colonist Printers had experience in handling bus schedule work.

Colonist Printers has been awarded B.C. Hydro bus schedule contracts in previous years without going to tender.

All PSAC Men Out in Ottawa

Times News Services

All members of the general labor and trades group of the Public Service Alliance of Canada are off the job today in Ottawa, an alliance spokesman said.

Among major groups out were those at the post office and non-designated runway cleaners at Ottawa International Airport. Designated workers are not permitted to strike.

With ideal flying conditions and bare runways, though, the control tower said the airport is operating normally.

In British Columbia, supervisory personnel are working to keep airports in Vancouver, Quesnel, Williams Lake and Prince George open after PSAC employees walked out. This also applies to Whitehorse, Yukon.

In Toronto, a post office official also said he expects the main postal terminal there to be hit again at midnight tonight or early Wednesday.

As the strike by the union's blue-collar members enters its 17th day today, bargaining remained at a standstill.

Treasury Board Chairman Jean Chretien Monday told the Commons that the government "has been inviting" the 18,600-member alliance to resume talks. But PSAC president Claude Edwards said no such request has been made by the government.

"Such remarks only serve to inflame the situation and incite our members," he said in a news release.

The government has offered a wage increase of 26.1 per cent in a two-year contract as suggested in a conciliation report, while the PSAC wants 37 per cent over two years.

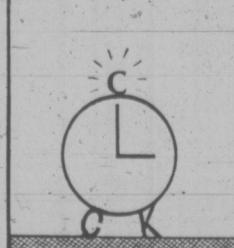
Meanwhile, 225 Toronto letter carriers booked off sick Monday and 28 routes received no mail delivery.

Ed Roworth, post office information officer, said regular delivery would resume on these routes today.

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House Mised on Casa Loma Cost—Socred

Housing Minister Lorne Nicholson deliberately misled the legislature on the total projected cost of the Casa Loma housing complex in Burnaby, Socred MLA Don Phillips charged in the legislature Monday.

But crossfire on the topic, a daily occurrence during question period in the last two weeks, was quenched by Speaker Gordon Dowling who ordered Phillips (South Peace) to withdraw the charge.

Nicholson, however, confirmed that the B.C. government has made provision to spend \$351,000 more on the controversial project than was first disclosed.

He said the extra amount has been "received as legitimate projected costs by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation," which is funding 90 per cent of the project.

Breakdown of extra expenditure is: \$33,000 for administration of the project by Dunhill Development Corporation;

\$100,000 for modification of original blueprints by the B.C. Housing Management Commission and \$218,000 interest on advance financing until federal funds are received.

"There were no fraudulent proceedings; I'm pleased to provide more enlightenment," said Nicholson.

The minister described the amount as "front-end funding," an accounting procedure used until federal funds are received in June.

The housing minister first

announced price of the complex at \$3.15 million, bought from Casa Loma Motel Ltd., for use as a senior citizen's project. With the additional amount the complex will cost \$3,528,500, Nicholson said.

Liberal Leader David Anderson says the government must either give a straightforward explanation of the questions surrounding the Casa Loma motel deal, or order an inquiry to allow the public to discover the truth.

"The whole Casa Loma af-

fair is shrouded in questionable dealings and unsatisfactory explanations," he said. Anderson originally brought up the matter when he questioned the government's involvement in earlier financial difficulties of the project.

It was disclosed that a number of subcontractors who held mechanics' liens against the project were paid off at a rate of about 40 cents on the dollar some six weeks before the government signed a deal with developers. A court case

involving the lienholders has been started.

Nicholson said he will make a statement Wednesday on another matter in connection with the project.

Phillips asked whether the government had spent money to convert 33 additional motel units in the complex into accommodation for senior citizens.

And Socred MLA, Bob McClelland (Langley), asked whether the government was evicting some of the residents

of the motel area. (The complex is partially completed).

Nicholson said, "No one is going to be radically displaced." He did say some residents have been asked to vacate the premises, in preparation for senior citizen residents, but indicated it likely will take place by attrition.

In Burnaby, city council turned itself into a hung jury Monday and left the rezoning of the development in limbo.

It voted 6-to-3 against a motion to withdraw the rezoning. See CASA Page 2